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Constitution of the Convention.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this convention shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ART. 2. The design of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of Christ by fostering feeble churches, supplying destitute places with the Gospel, aiding in the missionary enterprise, and circulating the Word of God.

ART. 3. This convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist churches. Each church may be represented by its pastor and one delegate; and each church of more than one hundred members, by its pastor and two delegates; each church of more than two hundred members, by its pastor and three delegates; each church of more than three hundred members, by its pastor and four delegates; each church of more than four hundred members, by its pastor and five delegates. No church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor; *provided, however*, that if a church has no pastor it may send a delegate in his place; and every church having a Sunday-school connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent the Sunday-school.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Statistical Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and as many trustees as the Convention may direct, not exceeding thirty-three, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business during the recess of the Convention. These officers shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees, and shall be elected annually; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, by ballot; and the others in such manner as the Convention shall prescribe. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention and of the Trustees: in his absence, the Vice-President; and in the absence of both, a President *pro tem.* The Secretary shall keep an account of the proceedings, and act as Superintendent of Missions, if requested by the Convention. The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds received, and keep a separate bank account of such moneys. He shall report to the Trustees when required, and annually to the Convention. The Trustees shall meet at the call of the Secretary, and at such times as may be deemed necessary, for the transaction of business, and shall make all needed appropriations.

ART. 5. The Convention shall meet annually, on such day in October, and at such place and hour, as may be appointed, by a vote of the body, and its business shall be transacted agreeably to such rules and arrangements as the Convention may adopt.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be amended only at an annual meeting and by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Arrangement of Business.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 11 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be allotted to the business of organization, receiving and entering the names of delegates, hearing the reports of the Board, Treasurer, etc.; election of officers, appointment of committees, and other miscellaneous business, if time shall allow.

2. Tuesday afternoon shall be devoted to the consideration of Domestic Missions.

3. The Annual Sermon before the Convention shall be preached on Tuesday evening.

4. Wednesday forenoon shall be devoted to the Education Society.

5. Wednesday afternoon shall be occupied with Home and Foreign Missions, and other objects contemplated by this Convention.

6. Thursday forenoon, if necessary, shall be devoted to unfinished and miscellaneous business.

Things to be Specially Remembered.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY. — I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, land, houses,* or *other property,* for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness — both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND. — I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds — as the case may be* — for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound, by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its Treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the Minutes of the Convention.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, ought to be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

☞ All statistics respecting *members* and *finances* ought to be precise and accurate.

Read the Constitution.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

WATERBURY, CONN., Oct. 18, 1886.

The Sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was convened in the Meeting-house of the First Baptist Church of Waterbury on the above date. The Convention was called to order by the President, Willis S. Bronson of Hartford, at 10.34 o'clock A. M. Hymn 502, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," was sung—Rev. H. P. Smith leading the singing, and Rev. G. F. Genung playing the organ. Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., led in prayer, and hymn 208, "Come, Thou Almighty King," was sung.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, through Rev. L. L. Potter, an order of business which, with very slight changes, was followed throughout the session of the Convention.

The pastor of the church, Rev. J. W. Richardson, being prevented by illness from attending, a very cordial welcome was extended by Bro. W. C. Myers to the hospitalities of the church and the homes of the Christian people of Waterbury. Members of other churches had kindly proffered their hospitality, and abundant provision had been made for the accommodation of all the delegates and friends.

The Constitution was read, as required, by the Secretary.

The President appointed the committee on the nomination of officers for the Convention for 1886–7, viz.: A. J. Crofut, Rev. W. V. Garner from Fairfield County Association; Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. W. H. Butrick from New Haven Association; Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Hon. James W. Manning from Ashford Association; Rev. P. A. Nordell, Rev. C. G. Roberts from New London Association; Rev. I. F. Stidham, J. L. Denison from Hartford Asso-

ciation; Rev. A. G. Palmer, Rev. A. J. Chandler from Stonington Union Association.

The report of the Board was read by the Secretary, accepted, and ordered to be printed. The following is the report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

On again coming before the Convention with our Annual Report, we are reminded of the swiftness of the flight of time. It seems almost incredible that twelve whole months have passed over us since our last anniversary. We gratefully recognize the Divine goodness continued toward us another year. Your Board having discharged their duties, submit the following:

We speak first of those whose labors are ended.

Rev. Alfred Billings Tefft died at Spring Hill in Mansfield, March 15, 1886, in the 65th year of his age. He was born in Exeter, R. I., May 4, 1821, and united with the Baptist church in that place in June, 1844. He began to exercise his gifts as a preacher early in 1855, and in October, 1856, he was ordained to the work of the ministry at Exeter. In August following he became pastor of the church in Voluntown, Conn., where he labored three years and a half. His next pastorate was at Chesterfield, where he continued four years. His next and longest pastorate was over the Second church in Waterford, which began in April, 1865, and ended in January, 1884, a period of almost nineteen years. From Waterford he went to Spring Hill, where, after a brief period, labor gave place to suffering and suffering terminated in the saint's rest. He was a godly man, unworldly and unselfish, a daily illustration of the truth which he preached. He was modest and undemonstrative. His preaching was Biblical and instructive. His grasp of truth was strong. He was deeply interested in the whole field of gospel labor at home and abroad. He was a systematic giver to the cause of missions. He was one of those men whose worth is not recognized until they are gone; and then we begin to realize how much we miss them.

Rev. Davis T. Shailer. This beloved servant of God, and able minister of the Gospel, fell asleep in Jesus "in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season," at his home in Haddam, October 15, 1886. His age was eighty-four years and seven months. He was born in the town where he died. He studied theology at the Newton Institution. He was instrumental in gathering and organizing the Baptist church in Branford, was its first pastor, and served it in that relation eight years. His other pastorates were at Dorchester, Mass., three years, at Becket, Mass., eight years, at Somanauk, Ill., three years, and at Haddam, his native place, eight years. These pastorates covered a period of thirty years. In all of them he witnessed precious revivals of religion attending his ministry, and giving increase of numbers and strength to the churches. He was a Biblical preacher, giving clear and thoughtful unfoldings of

the blessed Gospel of Christ. He was a faithful and warm-hearted pastor, caring kindly and lovingly for all in the flock, and he left a fragrant memory in each field of labor. He was ill four weeks, and was prepared and waiting for the blessed change. His mind was calm and peaceful. He greeted very pleasantly all visitors, whether old or young. In response to the inquiry of his pastor, Rev. George H. Lester, who visited him almost daily, he expressed satisfaction in enjoying the comfort and presence of Jesus. He wanted to depart and see his gracious Saviour. His end was peace.

Rev. Alva Gregory died in Easton, April 1, 1886, in the 89th year of his age. He was born in that town December 10, 1797, and spent the larger portion of his life there. He was converted and united with the church in that place in early manhood. In 1831, he was ordained as pastor of the newly-formed church in Willimantic, where he labored three years, when failing health compelled him to retire to his old home. He acted as an occasional supply for pastorless churches. When the church at Stepney was formed he removed to that place to aid in sustaining the interest there. There was a time when he served this church as pastor, but a chronic bronchial affection prevented him from stated preaching for any considerable period. Being possessed of moderate means, he devoted his income, beyond what was absolutely needed to supply the wants of his family, to promote the cause of Christ at home and abroad. He was ever the friend and helper of the pastor. He continued steadfast in the faith, having witnessed a good confession.

Of those who have passed away during the year, who have had pastorates in this State, we may mention Rev. Greenleaf S. Webb, D.D., who died in New Brunswick, N. J., January 23, 1886, having reached his ninety-seventh year. He was ordained in Stamford in June, 1816, and served as pastor there about five years. He was many years a pastor in New Jersey and was for a season collecting agent for the Missionary Union. Years ago he retired from continuous pastoral work, and was revered and honored as a patriarch by the ministry in New Jersey.

Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, D.D., who died at New Utrecht, Long Island, March 5, 1886, at the age of 73 years, was for a time pastor of the church in Norwalk. He had pastorates in Bangor, Me., and in Dedham, East Abington, and Newton, Mass. He was the author of several works, among which are "Memorial Hour" and "Life of President Dunster."

Rev. Silas Ilsley, who died at Syracuse, N. Y., July 2, 1886, at an advanced age, was for a time pastor of the church in Essex in this State. Most of his ministerial life was in the State of New York. For several years his feeble health prevented him from doing regular pastoral work.

Rev. Ralph H. Maine, who died in Vineland, N. J., July 5, 1886, spent the larger portion of his life in this State. He was born in North Stonington in April, 1816, and had at his death entered on his seventy-first year. He was converted in early life, prepared for college at Suffield, and graduated from Trinity College, Hartford. He was ordained at Tariffville in May, 1846. He was also pastor at Winthrop, again at Tariff-

ville, at Bloomfield, and at Plainville. He subsequently had pastorates in Vermont and Massachusetts. The last seven years of his life were spent in Vineland without a pastoral charge.

There are others who have finished their course during the year whose memories will be cherished. Among them we may mention DEA. JOSEPH L. BENNETT, who died in Providence, R. I., January 7, 1886, in the eighty-first year of his age. In Hartford, in Norwich, in New London, and elsewhere he was known as an earnest worker, gifted in exhortation and familiar with the Word of God.

DEA. HORATIO E. DAY, who died June 14, 1886, in Concord, N. H., at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. C. B. Crane, will be remembered for his steadfast loyalty to the Master. He lacked but a few days of being seventy-two years of age. He united with the South Baptist Church in Hartford, in 1838, and some years later was chosen one of its deacons, in which office he remained till death. He was a man of large charity and an exemplary Christian.

DEA. ALANSON H. HOUGH. M.D., died in Essex, Aug. 18, 1886, at the age of 75 years. He had held the office of deacon in the church in that place forty-six years. He was steadfast in the faith and testified his love to the cause of Christ by his life-long devotion to the interests of Zion.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

There have been held three meetings of the Board of Trustees — at Willimantic, January 25th, at New London, April 8th, and at Crescent Beach, July 26th, with an average attendance of thirteen. There has also been held two sessions of the Executive Committee — at New Haven, December 7, 1885, and at Hartford, February 22d. These meetings have been full of interest, and much discussion as to the methods of accomplishing our work has been had. The churches assisted this year have been : Greeneville, Shelton, Mt. Calvary in Norwich, New Hartford, Cornwall Hollow, North Colebrook, South Colebrook, White Hills, Rowayton, Plainville, Tolland, Pendleton Hill, Poquonnoc Bridge, Spring Hill (Mansfield), Eastford, Bloomfield, Sterling, College Street (Cornwall), Bantam, Memorial (Hartford), German (New Britain), Swedish (Bridgeport), in all twenty-two churches. Some of these have a small membership, while others have such numbers that would seem to preclude the necessity of calling upon the Convention for aid.

The Board have also, through its committee, brethren Piddock, Samson, and Butrick, assisted the Shelton church in removing its meeting-house to a more favorable location, obligating the Convention in the sum of $1,500 for the purchase of the new lot, thereby encouraging them to more activity, giving them increasing congregations, and building them up in numbers and respectability.

The church at New Hartford has been assisted by the Board in building a parsonage, by the loan of $1,000, for which they agree to pay six per cent. interest semi-annually. They are also encouraged by this help to

assist in endeavoring to build up the Master's Kingdom by earnest work and by prayer.

Another object that has commended itself to the Board has been the church at Rockville, in its endeavor to procure a place of its own in which to worship God. We have paid for the services of a brother who has preached to them on the Sabbath, and led them in raising money to supplement a fund on hand and what has been raised by the Sunday-schools of the State. We have promised them $1,500 when a sufficient amount shall have been procured to nearly finish their church edifice — $400 of which has already been paid to them.

These and other matters have occupied the time spent in our sessions, and we are encouraged to think that our labors have not been in vain.

Missionaries.

Toward the last of July of this year, Rev. T. Clafford, our Swedish missionary, voluntarily closed his connection with the Convention in order to return to his home in Sweden for the further prosecution of his studies. We parted with him regretfully, knowing his labors in the Lord. Brother Clafford's work in the State has been blessed in the conversion of some of his countrymen and the ingathering of others who might have been influenced to join themselves to other denominations. He reports in the last ten months visits to Meriden, Waterbury, Danbury, Georgetown, Bridgeport, New Haven, Middletown, Bristol, and Portland, besides his labors at his home in New Britain, during which time he preached 182 sermons, attended 41 prayer-meetings, made 194 visits, baptized 14, and distributed a large number of tracts and copies of religious papers. He had to contend with a deep-seated prejudice among his people in favor of the Lutherans, in which faith many were born and educated. He sailed from New York on Saturday, July 31st.

On the first of July, in accordance with a previous vote of the Executive Committee, the Rev. S. Kornmaier, our German missionary in the Naugatuck Valley, closed his labors. From October to July he reported having preached 72 sermons, attended 41 prayer-meetings, made 227 pastoral visits, and baptized 1. He labored only in three places, — Waterbury, where he resided, Seymour, and Meriden. The German Conference has in view a person to recommend for appointment on this field, but to this time no one has been engaged by the Home Mission Society, who act in conjunction with the Convention in the support of a missionary. In the meantime the meetings and Sunday-schools have been conducted by the brethren in the different localities.

Rev. A. S. Brown has been continued this year at Rockville. The work has grown under his ministrations, and he reports large congregations throughout the summer, notwithstanding the hall in which they worship has been uncomfortable, the room having been full at the services, prayer-meetings sustained in a remarkable manner, young people's meetings a source of power and interest. They have received five by baptism, and five by letter, and others waiting baptism when the baptistry shall be

ready. The withdrawals have been but few. The church edifice has been begun and is rapidly approaching completion, at a cost of only about $7,000. Brother Brown seems to be peculiarly fitted for such a place, he having won the love and confidence of all, and with a union of love for souls with a good business education has pushed the desire of many hearts to a successful issue.

Rev. S. H. Etienne was employed by authority of this Board to labor among the French Canadians in Putnam and vicinity from March 1st, and voluntarily withdrew on the first of July, having been in our employ four months.

Changes.

There have come into the State as pastors—Revs. G. N. Ballantyne to Groton Bank, W. L. Francis to Stonington Third, P. S. Evans to Grand Street, New Haven, H. A. Delano to South Norwalk, John R. Gow to East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, Wallace Crocker to Lyme, C. F. Gordon to Cornwall Hollow, J. W. Brigham to Spring Hill, Mansfield, Rev. C. G. Roberts to Mt. Calvary Church.

There have removed from the State—Revs. Delevan Dewolf from Bristol to Salem, N. J., J. D. Herr, D. D., from Central Norwich to Milwaukee, Wis., A. F. Perry from Deep River to Tremont Church, New York City, J. H. Moehlmann from German, Meriden, to Racine, Wis., E. S. Gardiner from Plantsville to Medfield, Mass., F. H. Cooper from Preston City to East Marion, L. I.

The changes in the State have been—Revs. A. A. Robinson from Eastford to Packerville, W. B. Vassar from Yalesville to Winthrop, E. S. Holloway from Greeneville to Plantsville, W. R. Terry from New Canaan to Montowese, H. G. Smith from Bloomfield, E. Lathrop, D. D., from Stamford, J. Burnett from Tariffville, W. B. Smith from West Woodstock, S. Gale from Third Stonington, G. J. GaNun from Cornwall Hollow, J. A. Weimar from German, New Britain, to German, Meriden.

There have been five ordinations—James G. Ditmars at Shelton, Joseph McKean at Preston City, A. S. Brown at Hartford, E. B. Elmer at Bantam Falls, Joseph H. Biddle at Westford.

Our Work among the Germans.

Twenty-five years ago the beginning of the work among the Germans in this State showed itself in the gathering of a few of that nationality and their union with the First Baptist Church in New Haven. For some years there was no separate organization, until in 1862 a church was formed, being dependent on the Convention for aid. In 1872 another church was organized at Meriden, and in 1883 still another at New Britain. Each began with few in numbers and weak financially but strong in faith. Their growth has been slow but steady. The church in New Haven now reports two Sunday-schools, a woman's missionary society, a young ladies' missionary society, a young men's Christian association, a young people's prayer-meeting, a tract society, and other societies for Christian work,

sending out helpers where needed among their fellow-countrymen. The Meriden church soon after its formation secured the services of Rev. J. H. Moehlmann as their pastor, who remained with them until April of this year, when he felt compelled to withdraw, and has removed from the State. Their growth has also been good, encouraged by the wise counsels of the two churches in Meriden. The New Britain church was formed out of the membership of the First Church three years ago, and under the earnest preaching of Rev. J. A. Weimar has grown to good proportions, adding twenty-three by baptism in 1885. They are now without a pastor. Quite a number of Germans have united with the East Washington Avenue Church in Bridgeport, hoping in the near future to form a church, with a brother Wm. Ritzmann, who has been laboring among them since June 1st of this year, as pastor, and the Board has been called upon for aid in his support. This portion of our denomination are characterized by earnestness and faith, which, added to the grace of God, make them valuable as Christian citizens. We are informed that the German Conference has opened correspondence with Rev. Koopmann, at present in Kentucky, who is willing to take up the work among the Germans in the Naugatuck Valley, provided sufficient encouragement is given.

Among the Swedes.

Another important field has been opened to us through the labors of Rev. T. Clafford, mentioned elsewhere, and needing the fostering care of this Convention. The large numbers of young men and women who have sought a home and employment in our manufacturing cities and towns seem to call for more work in their behalf than has hitherto been expended. Only three churches have to this time been organized, one at Bridgeport, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Westerbury, one in New Britain, and one in New Haven.

Among the French Canadians.

Since the resignation of Rev. S. H. Etienne, we have had no missionary for this class of our population, although they are occasionally visited by the missionary of the Home Missionary Society, Rev. S. Williams, located in Springfield. The method of work among this class is perhaps more peculiar than that carried on in any other section of our State, owing to their relations to the church in which they have been brought up. It is reported that many of them will not receive the visits of a Protestant missionary unless made in the evening or at such times as will secure them from the observations of the parish priest and those more intolerant among them. It needs a person of faith, courage, and perseverance to labor in the face of opposition coming from such a source. The field is large, embracing nearly all the towns in the eastern part of the State where there is a cotton-mill. The committee appointed by the Board will report on needs of this field.

Reports from Missionary Churches.

Pastor C. W. Potter sends from Rowayton church the following: "On account of sickness I have been absent nine weeks. On re-entering my pulpit, was greeted with a full house. We hope to make good progress this winter. I have a large proportion of young people. It is a good field and should be held. I find good people, and am treated well by every one. The debt on the church is a drawback — a burden too heavy to carry. The church cannot pay it. If help for a part of it could be given, I should try to raise a part here."

Rev. J. W. Brigham, the new pastor at Spring Hill, writes: "A growing interest is felt by a number. This is manifested in the earnest attention given to the preaching of the Word and in an expressed desire for a special service in a near vicinity. A young people's meeting is sustained, in which God is evidently working, is an encouraging feature. . . . I have regular appointments in two out-stations for Sunday afternoon preaching, and gospel service in our church Sunday evening."

Mt. Calvary church, Norwich, seems to have started anew on the settlement of their new pastor, Rev C. G. Roberts, last August. They have issued cards of invitation and direction, and for monthly contributions. They write of their pastor: "As a church we are happy to state that he has effected much good since his relations began with us. We have been signally blessed with the Divine favor, and have the Word of God preached in its purity." As a people they are poor and need the assistance of the Convention.

The church in Shelton has been one of the principal objects of care of the Board this year on account of the importance of the field, only one other church being in the village. On the resignation of Rev. W. L. Giles they were without a pastor until, through the influence of some of our Board, Jas. G. Ditmars, a young brother who had just completed his studies, was ordained to the ministry and called to the pastorate. Finding the location of the meeting-house not suited to the wants of the people and the accommodation of the community, they consulted with several and determined on its removal. In their letter to the Fairfield County Association they say: "By assistance of the New Haven Bible School Association we have been enabled to cancel our past indebtedness. Not least among our blessings are the renewed interest manifested in the study of God's Word in the sanctuary, and the interest outsiders are showing in our work for the Master. Especially gratifying to the pastor and older members is the interest taken by the young people of the church and congregation."

New Canaan church has a nominal membership of forty-six, being a decrease of eight from last year's report. On the first of last November their pastor resigned, and since then have had preaching services but twice. Their Sunday-school has been closed from the same date. Prayer-meetings were held Sunday mornings and evenings until hot weather, but not well attended.

Newtown is another small church in the Fairfield County Associa-

tion, with only thirty-four members. Services have been held occasionally in their meeting-house by the Congregational and Episcopal clergymen of the town.

White Hills church is ministered to by Rev. S. G. Silliman. Extra meetings have been held, with assistance from some of the neighboring clergy, and a general growth of interest in church and congregation. They report: "Cushioned pews, new carpets, and newly-finished walls testify to the hopeful and harmonious spirit of the community around us."

New Milford First (Northville) is stated to have only eleven members, and is apparently dead, as no report has been received.

The Swedish and Messiah churches of Bridgeport do not report to their Association their membership or contributions.

North Stonington First is still favored by the services of Rev. D. F. Chapman as pastor. They have lost the past year some of their most substantial members, which they say "is like moving the hub from the wheel," but with aid they have painted the outside of their meeting-house.

We have assisted Sterling to maintain a pastor. Rev. E. S. Hill, formerly of Montowese church, now ministers to them. Under his preaching a few have been converted, and their meetings have been interesting and profitable. "They have paid for a bell for their meeting-house, and beautified their house of worship by painting it, and the pastor has raised money for the whole."

Packerville, Rev. A. A. Robinson, pastor, is another of our missionary churches, with a membership of one hundred and six. They report: "Spiritually and financially we are about the same as last year."

From Ledyard there has been received no letter or statistics. Their membership is put at forty-two.

Rev. G. W. Pendleton is still with the Poquonnoc Bridge church. Their meetings have been regularly sustained, and harmony seems to prevail. They have a membership of one hundred and nine.

Salem has no pastor, and but a small membership, forty-three being the number reported. They have had but few preaching services, and hold no Sunday-school.

From Canton we have no news. The few Baptists that remain are not enough to support preaching.

Tariffville. Brother W. W. West is still with them, endeavoring to supply the place of a regular pastor.

Bantam and College Street churches have an efficient pastor in Rev. E. B. Elmer. Bantam has been encouraged by the accession of fourteen, who have been baptized into the church as the result of faithful labor.

Plainville church has also been blessed in the reception of ten persons. They report: "Our growth is slow, but we are certainly on the up grade; some of the hindrances are disappearing. The church seems confident and hopeful."

New Hartford church is united in their pastor, Rev. F. F. Spencer. They, too, report nineteen received by baptism. If all the Baptist

churches in our State manifested the pushing qualities of this little band we should hear less of such expressions as "outlook dark," etc.

Rockville has been mentioned elsewhere.

North and South Colebrook still have the gospel preached to them by their pastor, Rev. Wm. Goodwin, who has a hard field to cultivate.

Memorial, of Hartford, is increasing in numbers, having added twenty-two by baptism and thirteen by letter, and three by experience this year. This is a growing church and should be encouraged.

Second Ashford (Westford) has settled a pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Biddle, who was ordained on Sept. 15th. They have a membership of thirty-three.

Tolland, Rev. B. J. Savage, pastor, has been assisted this year. Their membership is seventy. They have held interesting union services with a good result.

After the reading of the Report of the Board, the Convention joined in singing hymn 168, "Majestic sweetness sits enthroned."

The Treasurer read an abstract of his report, and a communication concerning the character of the Trust Funds held by him, and the disposition made of them. The Treasurer's Report was, on motion of Rev. T. S. Samson, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. On motion of Hon. James L. Howard, the Treasurer was requested to furnish for record in the Minutes the paper which he had read.

The President read a statement of the present financial condition of the Convention.

The President announced the Committee on Resolutions: Rev. L. L. Potter, Rev. W. V. Garner, D. D., Rev. A. G. Palmer, D. D., Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. J. V. Garton, and Rev. G. F. Genung.

Sang the hymn, "Brethren, while we sojourn here."

The Committee to nominate officers for the coming year reported, through Rev. Dr. A. G. Palmer, the following names:

For *President*, Hon. Francis Wayland of New Haven.
" *Vice-President*, Hon. ~~James L. Howard of Hartford.~~
" *Recording Secretary*, Rev. P. S. Evans of New Haven.
" *Statistical Secretary*, Elizur Cook of Hartford.
" *Treasurer*, W. F. Walker of New Britain.
" *Auditor*, A. J. Crofut of South Norwalk.

Rev. Dr. Palmer introduced his report with the following words of address to President W. S. Bronson:

James H. Manning
Putnam

Mr. President,— The Committee on Nominations have confided to me the very pleasant part of conveying to you and your fellow workers their assurance of personal regard, and also of their high appreciation of the fidelity by which your administration has been distinguished. Pending the discussion, elicited by the report of your positive wish to be retired from the exhausting cares and labors of executive responsibility, we felt a quickened sense of the value of your service in this department. We remember with what enthusiastic courage, intelligent zeal, and generous aims you entered upon your official work; and if you have not fully realized your expectations in such improved methods of action as you saw to be needful, and in such enlarged fruitfulness as the whitened fields seemed to promise, yet we assure you that, in the judgment of the committee, the failure has not been from the want of wise counsels and untiring industries on your part, but from the scantiness of the resources placed at your command; or perhaps because your estimates of the work exceeded the practical possibilities of the times. But you have not labored in vain. You have laid the foundation for others to build upon. Nowhere is it more true than in administrative trusts "one man soweth, and another reapeth"— others will finish what you have begun.

And now, while I can find no fitting words to express my own sense of the genial spirit and courteous manner which has marked your relation, equally to the Convention, the Board, and the Executive Committee, yet I assure you, my brother, you have the united and heartful testimony of the entire Convention, that, in the administration of its affairs, through your entire official term, you have done wisely and well.

On motion of Rev. T. S. Samson, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the Convention for the nominees, who were then declared duly elected.

Hon. Francis Wayland, the newly elected President, made a brief address on taking the chair, expressing his sense of obligation to the Convention for the honor, and offering timely suggestions as to the further prosecution of the work of the Convention, and the imperative need of enlarged contributions.

On motion of Rev. T. S. Samson it was *voted* that Dr. Palmer be requested to furnish to the Secretary the substance of his address to ex-President W. S. Bronson on his retirement from office, that it may be printed in the Minutes. Hon. Francis Wayland was also requested to furnish his opening address for the same purpose.

Rev. T. S. Samson, Rev. P. A. Nordell, D. D., and Hon. James W. Manning were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution as a testimonial to the retiring Treasurer, James Lockwood, for his fidelity in office.

Rev. J. R. Stubbert was substituted on the Committee on Enrollment, which was appointed last year, in place of Rev. D. Dewolf, who had left the State.

The President called on the several standing committees to be ready with their reports, which were to be given in the Afternoon Session.

After singing the hymn "I am Thine, O Lord," the Convention adjourned till 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order promptly at 2 P. M. by the President. After singing "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," prayer was offered by Rev. C. A. Piddock.

While awaiting the adjournment of the Women's Missionary Meeting, opportunity was offered for the interchange of views touching the interests of the Convention. Rev. T. S. Samson was called on and spoke effectively on the prospects of Convention work, and of what is most needed for the prosperity of the churches, and the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

President Wayland spoke encouragingly and stimulatingly on the spirit of benevolence, and illustrated by reference to work done for the Mexican Mission by First Church Branch School. People only needed to be shown the need, and money would be forthcoming. A special effort of benevolence increased the ordinary contributions of the school. Rev. C. A. Piddock emphasized the need of greatly enlarging the work of the Convention, and promised a considerable increase of contributions from the First Middletown Church. Hon. James L. Howard promised that the old church in Hartford should at least not fall behind its record, and hoped to increase fifty per cent. President Wayland hoped the increase would be made, on the largest and not the smallest collection — said the denomination was increasing in numbers — and there should be a general advance all along the line. Rev. Dr. Palmer said that in a church he knew of there was no difficulty in raising money after a genuine revival of religion — one young man on being remonstrated with for the largeness of his gifts said "When I was wicked I sacrificed freely to the Devil — now why should I not sacrifice even more freely to the service of the Lord who bought me?" Rev. Mr. Stubbert urged that the true principle was "little

from the many — not much from a few" — so more would be secured, and more would share in the blessing. Rev. Mr. Lockhart pledged his church to "all I can get out of them."

On motion of Rev. J. R. Stubbert a committee to prepare a uniform blank form for statistics of the churches was appointed by the President, viz.: Rev. J. R. Stubbbert, Rev. G. F. Genung, and Rev. P. S. Evans.

The committee on nominating Trustees of the Convention reported through Hon. James L. Howard, as follows: Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D., Rev. A G. Palmer, D.D., J. B. Hoyt, Hon. James L. Howard, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., J. W. Dimock, E. Morgan, A. J. Crofut, Edward Miller, James Newcomb, W. H. Potter, Isaac Anderson, C. F. Setchel, Rev. George H. Miner, James Lockwood, Professor M. H. Smith, Rev. J. P. Brown, Rev. C. W. Potter, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., Rev. T. S. Samson, M. E. Morriss, Rev. J. V. Garton, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. G M. Stone, D.D., Thomas W. Potter, Rev. G. W. Holman, A. J. Shipley, Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, Willis S. Bronson, Rev. I. F. Stidham.

Report accepted, and the persons named were duly elected.

Rev. T. S. Samson reported from the committee appointed for that purpose the following:

Resolved, That in the voluntary retirement of Mr. James Lockwood from the office of Treasurer of this Convention, which he has filled for the last twelve years, we desire to place upon permanent record our high and grateful appreciation of the ability and self-denying fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office. Assuming office at a critical time in the affairs of the Convention, he has, by his wise and experienced management of its investments, placed them in a sound financial condition, and has, in all respects, administered the trusts committed to him to the entire satisfaction of the churches of the Convention. We tender him an expression of sincere thanks, and a wish for his continued happiness and usefulness in the service of our common Lord.

The above resolution was unanimously and heartily adopted.

Rev. Dr. A. P. Mason addressed the Convention on the claims of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, on the benevolence of the churches.

Sang the hymn "Uplift the Banner, Let it Float."

The committee on Sunday-school work reported, through Rev. F. L. Knapp, as follows;

Mr. President and Baptists of Connecticut.

Your committee respectfully report: 1st. There seems to be nothing special to report; which means that our Sunday-schools throughout the State are doing earnest, united, and efficient service in gathering the young especially into their folds, and into the fold of Christ. And, by faithfully teaching the Word, they are performing a service whose importance is constantly increasing, in adding to the number of intelligent Christian workers in our State. Comparing the reports of the Sunday-schools with the reports from the churches, we cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that almost the entire number of those who are uniting with our churches are coming from the Sunday-schools, and we believe they are coming with a good degree of intelligence, and with convictions concerning the doctrines of God's Word.

During the year now closing the Sunday-schools have made, not rapid, but considerable progress. And while even this measure of success is gratifying, your committee would submit that the multitudes of unsheltered children in our State are loudly calling to us for Sunday-school homes, and demanding more aggressive measures; and would very humbly suggest that some plan should be devised which shall result in the formation of Baptist Sunday-schools, where they are needed, and such encouragement for those now existing as may be practicable.

C. A. Piddock,
J. G. Snelling,
Geo. M. Stone,
E. S. Holloway,
F. L. Knapp.

The report was accepted and ordered printed.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

Whereas, the suppression of the evil of intemperance has come to be the most prominent question before the people of this country; and,

Whereas, the saloon, from being in time past a passive nuisance, has become an aggressive power, organized, defiant of law, creating and enlarging its traffic by a skillful and deadly propagandism, endangering the existence as well as the health of the nation; and

Whereas, all methods of license hitherto operated have failed in effective restriction; and

Whereas, every body of Christian people are called upon to put themselves on record unanimously in regard to their position, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention does put itself on record as an advocate of prohibitory legislation; does protest against the present subserviency of parties to saloon dictation, and does earnestly pray the churches to adopt such a course as shall soonest — in the light of Christian judgment — bring about the desired consummation, a national prohibitory liquor law.

Resolved, That we subscribe to this principle, that the people should decide in all questions pertaining to the public welfare; and that this ques-

tion of constitutional prohibition in regard to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ought to be submitted to the popular vote, and that we should labor to bring about this result; and that as a Convention we approve of all most religious and legal measures which tend to the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The report was accepted and ordered printed.

The report of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Union was read by Rev. J. V. Garton, accepted, and ordered printed with the Minutes; the report here follows:

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Connecticut, was held in connection with the New Haven Baptist Association, at Meriden, October 6, 1886.

It was one of October's golden days, and drew out a large attendance of ladies. We were glad to have an opportunity of presenting our work to some who had not been interested before.

Owing to the general depression of business at the beginning of the year there was some indication that it might be necessary to make a special effort to be able to meet our pledges. But we have again to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of sufficient money to meet our obligations and leave a balance in the Treasury of $88.13. Total cash receipts for the year were $882.05, value of boxes and barrels sent during the year, $417.15, making a total cash value of work done by the Union during the year, $1,299.20. Eight life members have been made during the year by the payment each of $25 00.

The special work of the year was the continued support of Mrs. C. E. Becker of Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C., also the partial support of Mr. Clafford, Swedish Missionary of Connecticut, under the auspices of the State Convention. Two young lady students at the Benedict Institute received $25 each to assist them in their education, also Miss Scott, daughter of Rev. Geo. Scott, of Nebraska, received $30 to enable her to complete her education and be able to assist her aged father and mother in their declining days. One Circle raised a special sum of over $30 as a memorial fund in memory of one of their members who died.

The quarterly meetings have been well attended and very enjoyable. The first was held with the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Bridgeport, January 21st. There was a very large attendance and the reports from Circles, and reading of letters from those who had received aid were unusually interesting. Mrs. Wisner of Bridgeport had recently visited Benedict Institute, and gave us a very interesting account of her visit, which seemed to bring us face to face with Mr. and Mrs. Becker, in their noble work. The second meeting was held with the ladies of Ansonia, at the house of Mrs. Wallace, April 15th. The hearty welcome of our hostess and interesting reports from Circles made it a delightful *home* meeting. Mrs. E. M. Jerome gave a very interesting and instructing address which was listened to very attentively.

Our mid-summer meeting was held July 15th, with the Grand Avenue Church, New Haven. Brisk showers in the morning cleared the sultry air and made the afternoon delightful. A very large number of ladies gathered and were interested and inspired with fresh zeal for the work. About the usual reports from Circles were read, showing that the vacation season and warm weather had not entirely diminished the interest. Interesting addresses were given by Mr. Clafford, Mrs. J. Bixby Johnson, and Mrs. Becker. Each spoke of different classes and nationalities, yet all needing help in the same way, and the knowledge of the Saviour who died for all. At our annual meeting a very instructive map exercise on Mexico, was given by Mrs. Jerome, also a very interesting paper by Mrs. E. S. Wheeler on Mexico.

We are proud to own Mrs. Becker as our worker; a noble woman, thoroughly fitted and consecrated to the work she is doing. Her success with the students in moulding their characters, in their studies, and in their industry is not to be excelled. Not in words is it possible to estimate the value of such a woman. We quote from her letters:

"I am always most interested in those who have shown energy and economy enough to earn and save some money for themselves; in fact, I am not inclined to help any other class. I want to do my best to cultivate in them the only true and worthy spirit for humanity to possess, independence, a well-developed power to help themselves, and an unwillingness to take help from any one, when by any means their own labor could supply their need. Their long years of slavery, when there was no chance for them to help themselves, has cultivated in them to a terrible degree, a willingness to be carried along by some other one's labor and pains. I am sure that you will rejoice with me that our Lord has blessed us in the conversion of all our young women but one: we had eight unconverted ones and seven are now rejoicing in a new-found joy."

From letters received from students, we quote the following:

"I feel that our race of people are so much in darkness that they need aid to get out of this condition. I am studying to be a teacher. I know there is work I could do if I was able to do it. I am doing all I can to learn, that I may be able to help my dear people. I feel so very thankful for so many rich blessings that I am now enjoying, it seems as if I could not tell you just how to thank you for your kindness. I hope it shall not be time and money thrown away, but shall prove a blessing to many, through me.

"We, as students, do highly appreciate our stay here at school, and enjoy our studies, trying to improve every golden opportunity, wasting not a minute. We cannot help but praise the Lord for what he has done for us, and what he is willing to do."

We have also enjoyed working with Mr. Clafford, he has proved that his labors have not been in vain. He has been not only Pastor to his people, but their daily counselor and friend, and the Lord has abundantly blessed him. He has now gone to Stockholm to finish his studies.

During the year the Union has been bereft of some of its earnest Christian workers, by death: Mrs. Emmons and Mrs. Ives, of the Broad Street Church, Meriden, and Mrs. Bartholomew, President of the Ansonia

Circle. They are missed by their sisters with whom they worked, but have gone where there is no more sickness, nor sorrow, nor want. They had their lamps trimmed and burning, giving forth light to many who sit in darkness.

We unanimously voted to continue the support of Mrs. Becker; also, appropriated $300 to a mission in Mexico.

We hope to make an advance along the lines the coming year and enlarge the number of our circles. The calls for help are continually coming, and impress upon us the necessity of enlisting more of our sisters in this work. We therefore invite and *urge* the sisters who are not thus engaged to unite with us and so help advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Trusting in the same Fatherly care that has been with us and guided us in all our ways, we enter upon the work of the new year with fresh inspiration and zeal.

The officers elected for the year were:

President, Mrs. Francis Wayland.
Vice-Presidents, Mrs. T. S. Samson, Mrs. E. S. Wheeler, Mrs. George H. Smith.
Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Elkins. *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. V. Garton.

The following ladies, with the officers, constitute the Executive Committee:

Mrs. C. E. Rich,	Mrs. W. H. Butrick,	Mrs. E. M. Jerome,
Mrs. M. F. Morris,	Mrs. J. H. Seymour,	Mrs. W. P. Plant.

MRS. W. H. ELKINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of Rev. T. S. Samson, a committee was appointed to draft a resolution on the retirement of Willis S. Bronson from the presidency, consisting of T. S. Samson, Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., and Rev. J. V. Garton.

The report of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society was read by Mr. J. L. Denison, accepted, and ordered printed, as follows:

Every lover of our Lord must be interested in all organizations that have for their object His coming kingdom and reign. This society therefore is glad to report this last year's work as one of marked progress. The aggressive spirit manifested in all our schools deserves special mention. Limited time and space, however, permit me to barely notice the new schools organized; and to refer you to the "Home Mission Echo" for reports, from month to month, of all our schools, as most stimulating Home Mission reading. Mexico, than which no more benighted land exists, is stretching out her hand to us, her nearest neighbor, for the bread of life; in response we have been able to establish two additional schools, and to secure faithful Christian teachers.

Alaska, that far-away land, within our own national territory, furnishes

a broad field for sowing the good seed of the kingdom. Recognizing this fact, we rejoice that our board has appointed Mrs. E. M. Roscoe, who will have charge of a school at Kadiah.

Many changes have occurred among the society's corps of workers. Changes in the board among its officers and local workers. In our own State, the removal of Dr. Herr to a distant State, necessitated the resignation of our Vice-president in July. No one has yet been appointed to this vacant place. Mrs. Dewolf has been obliged to resign her position on account of her removal from the State; and Mrs. Luther Spencer of Suffield, succeeds Mrs. Dewolf, as Director for the Hartford Association.

Since the last annual report Mrs. S. G. Silliman of White Mills, has been appointed Director, for the Fairfield Association. Those interested will find unerring signs of life in the Treasurer's report, in the "Echo"; as well as in the square of the same paper allotted to new auxiliaries. Connecticut is favored with a noble band of faithful workers in all our associations. We bespeak for them, in the name of their Master, a still more cordial hearing from all our local churches.

More meetings have been held this year in the interest of Home Missions than in any previous one. The recommendation to hold, in every association, an extra meeting during the middle of the year has been well received, and will doubtless soon obviate the necessity of the quarterly State meetings.

I regret my inability to give you the valuation of contributions in cash and goods during the year just closed. These will be found, if all local circle officers have been faithful to their responsibilities, in the valuable statistical tables of our State Convention report.

ANNA M. HERR.

The report of the committee to secure a Sunday-school Missionary, was made by Rev. C. A. Piddock, as follows:

Your committee, on securing the services of a Sunday-school Missionary, make the following report. Soon after our appointment the Board of Convention appointed a committee to take into consideration the whole subject of evangelistic and missionary work in the State, and we were invited to co-operate with them. The committee of the Board, without securing a Missionary or Evangelist, was discharged at the July meeting of the Board. Your committee would therefore recommend that the subject of a Sunday-school Missionary be referred to the new Board.

C. A. Piddock,
Lester L. Potter,
J. G. Snelling.

The report was accepted, adopted, and ordered printed.

On motion of Rev. C. A. Piddock it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that a missionary or missionaries be appointed by the Board for service during the year, to carry out the purpose for which this Convention was founded.

During the discussion of this resolution earnest and effective remarks were made by Revs. Butrick, Garner, Stone, Delano, Genung, Nordell, Goodwin, Elmer, J. P. Brown, Wheelock, Wakeman, Savage, Wheeler, Stubbert, and Brethren J. L. Howard and J. L. Denison; all earnestly advocating the measure, and pledging their moral and financial support. The vote was taken by rising, and was enthusiastically unanimous.

Convention adjourned till 7.15.

TUESDAY EVENING.

A prayer and praise meeting was held for half an hour, led by Rev. H. P. Smith of Hartford, and participated in by several of the brethren.

7.15 P.M., after an anthem by the choir of the church, and the singing of the congregational hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking," the Scriptures were read by Rev. Wm. D. McKinney, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D. The hymn "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun" was sung by the congregation. The annual sermon was then preached by Rev. G. W. Holman, from the text Matt. xxviii, 20, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The sermon was a forcible presentation of the truth, illustrated by numerous citations from the history of church, in all ages, that Christ is ever present with His true disciples, supporting them in affliction, and giving them success in their work. After the sermon, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. McWhinney of Cambridge, Mass., the benediction was pronounced by the preacher, and the Convention stood adjourned till Wednesday P.M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled at 2.30. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., and the hymn "Savior, More than Life to Me" was sung.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees for next year.

On Nomination of Trustees — Hon. J. L. Howard, Brother J. Amsbury, Bro. W. H. Potter, and Revs. A. E. Reynolds, J. P. Brown, and G. W. Holman.

On Enrollment — Revs. H. P. Smith, E. S. Holloway, and W. B. Vassar.

On New Churches — Revs. J. R. Stubbert, G. F. Genung, E. Dewhurst, H. P. Smith, and Brethren A. J. Crofut, and E. H. Plant.

On Sunday-schools — Revs. C. A. Piddock, F. L. Knapp, R. Pegrum, G. M. Stone, and Brethren J. L. Denison, and J. G. Snelling.

On Obituaries — Revs. A. C. Hubbard, I. R. Wheelock, E. P. Bond, P. A. Nordell, A. A. Robinson, and Bro. W. H. Potter.

The President appointed as committee to report on place and preacher for next year, Bro. J. L. Denison, Rev. L. L. Potter, and Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D.

The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read by Rev. W. H. Butrick, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

There has been so much of interest connected with our work in the State the past year, that we find it possible in the limited space allotted to this report, to give only a rapid glance at what has been accomplished.

The annual meeting held last year in connection with the State Convention, was one of great power and influence. It was in part devoted to a farewell service to our dear young sisters, Miss Rolman and Miss Bond, so soon to leave us for labor in heathen lands. Each of these sisters spoke of her call from the Master to this work, and of her joy in being permitted personally to labor for the heathen.

In a few feeling words, one who had herself enjoyed the privilege of several years of labor among the Assamese, congratulated these young missionaries, on being sent as Christ's messengers to tell the words of eternal life to those who had never heard of a Saviour's love. The memory of this tender, impressive meeting, still lingers in many of our hearts, and we recall anew the promise we made, to pray for the dear ones who went out from us, and the earnest resolve to be henceforth ourselves more fully consecrated to the Master's service.

In April, the parent society held its annual meeting in Connecticut, for the first time, at New Haven. It was held two days, each session being fully attended. In addition to the officers of the Society, representatives were present from each of the twelve States, and the District of Columbia. Several returned missionaries added great interest to this meeting by their presence and account of their labors abroad. The last evening a public meeting was held to which gentlemen were invited, and thrilling addresses were made by Rev. E. W. Clark of Assam, Dr. Cushing of Burma, and Dr. Ashmore of China. This service closed one of the most

interesting and successful annual meetings held by the Woman's Society.

A special meeting was held in July at Crescent Beach in connection with the Bible School Union. The service was marked by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Associational Meetings. Each year those interested in our work in this State, value more and more the one hour set apart for the Woman's Foreign Missionary meetings, that are held in connection with each of the Church associations. No other meetings have as yet met the peculiar need these meetings supply, especially in reaching the sisters in our smaller towns.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Conferences. Those of the South-eastern Conference, Mrs. P. Nordell, President, have shown an increasing spiritual power. This was especially marked at their last annual meeting which was largely attended, and the spirit of the meeting was cheering and delightful.

The regular meetings of the Hartford Conference, Mrs. G. M. Stone, President, were full of good tidings at their annual meeting held in January. An interesting feature was given to the devotional service by setting apart one-half hour to special prayer for the missionary by name. Prayers from two to five minutes only in length, gave an opportunity for many to plead for specific ones. Not one minute was lost. It was a season of love and power. This conference, besides supporting Miss Watson, has by special gifts aided Miss Bond in her outfit, and supplied Miss Payne with a set of medical works. The most precious gift of all, they have given in sending their Secretary, Miss Bond, to Assam. The New Haven Conference has held its regular quarterly meetings. Four hundred ladies were present at the annual meeting last March. This conference still gladly supports Mrs. Dr. Douglass of Rangoon, and Miss Gage now in this country, and through the Mission Bands, aids in the support of Miss Sheldon at Maulmain, and still has a surplus to send undesignated to the society in Boston. It was its privilege, by a special gift outside the Missionary offering, also to aid Miss Rolman, a member of the conference, in her last term at college and in her outfit.

The Mission Bands number fifty-two. Two bands of "rope holders" have been organized, making three in all. We have not space to speak as we would like of these interesting intelligent bands and of the work they are doing. One band of young ladies has graduated, and gracefully entered the Woman's Circle, where they "intend to work as faithfully as they did before."

The number of circles reported this year is seventy-six. The amount contributed is $3,629.56. The number of bands cannot be definitely given, over forty are reported. In addition to contributions not designated by them, they have paid the entire salary of Miss Sheldon of Maulmain.

As we turn to the field abroad, we find Miss Belle Watson has again resumed her work at Banein, where she has so faithfully labored many

years. Mrs. M. C. Douglass, M.D., of Kemendine, with untiring zeal and wonderful success continues her medical work, both among the missionaries and the natives who need her professional care. A few months ago, she was honored with the appointment of Superintendent of the Woman's Hospital at Rangoon, by Lady Duffering which would have brought her both honor and emolument, but she declined the appointment on account of her health, and the restrictions which would prevent her having any part in teaching the gospel to the patients who should then come under her care. She will therefore continue her connection with our society, and labor as before, both for the school and in her profession.

Miss Sheldon, after ten years or more of faithful service in the Girl's School at Maulmain, will leave in March for rest and strength in her native land. We shall gladly welcome her home after her years of faithful toil, for a season of rest.

Miss Rolman left New York for Japan last November, and reached her destination the last of December, and at once began the study of the language. She had been there only a few weeks when her associate, Miss Sands, left for America, leaving a burden of great responsibility on Miss Rolman, who has in her letters made an earnest appeal that a helper might be sent her from the young ladies of Connecticut.

Who will go ?

Miss Bond also sailed from New York in November, and reached Yura, Assam, her field of labor in February. She is making progress in the language, and preparing herself to win the Garos for Christ.

The past year has been one of marked success on the foreign field in many of our missions, while in others bitter persecution is bearing fruit that brings the faithful converts nearer and dearer to Christ their Saviour. We read with new interest and with feelings of awe the wonderful prophesies of the inspired Isaiah, as we see their rapid fulfillment in the events now passing. "I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert," proclaimed the prophet ages ago, and now from across the seas, the tidings are sent, "The whole world is now open to the messengers of the glorious gospel of the blessed God." Again we turn to the book of Isaiah and read this shout of prophetic victory, "Lift up your eyes round about and behold, all these come together to thee," and the joyful refrain of praise and thanksgiving is borne to us from the various mission fields, "Many of the heathen have forsaken their idols and worship only the living God." Will the dark continent with its millions ever be enlightened ? The sweet psalmist of Israel replies, "Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands unto God," and we now hear the fulfillment of this prophesy begun, "seven hundred Africans have found in Christ their Saviour, and the people are coming in crowds to lay down their idiols. Surely we are living in a time when, "to be living is sublime," living in a time when the Master calls us loudly into the open fields, and to improve the great opportunities now given us to win the heathen to Christ. Dear sisters, "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kindgdom for such a time as this" ?

MRS. S. M. WHITING,
State Secretary.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Ashford — Mrs. J. R. Stubbert.
Fairfield — Mrs. J. B. Hoyt.
Hartford — Miss Caroline Hansell.
New Haven — Miss F. L. Twiss.
New London — Mrs. G. A. Lester.
Stonington Union — Miss Bessie Hancox.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next year reported recommending that the next Convention meet at New Britain, that Rev. B. W. Lockhart be the preacher, and Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., alternate.

Report accepted and adopted.

Committee on testimonial to the former President reported the following, through Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D.

Resolved, That this Convention express to its retiring President, Mr. Willis S. Bronson, its high estimate of the efficiency with which he has administered the duties of his position. By his personal attention to the affairs of the Convention, at much inconvenience and cost to himself, he has done much to foster the interests of the feeble churches, and has earned for himself a debt of gratitude which we hereby cheerfully recognize.

This resolution was unanimously adopted, and committee discharged.

Voted, That the committee appointed to prepare forms for blanks — on which to return the statistics to the churches — be empowered to adopt such forms as they may consider expedient, and circulate them for use the coming year, subject to the further approval of the Convention.

The committee on New Churches reported through Rev. J. R. Stubbert, as follows:

The First Danish Church of New Haven, composed of thirty members, was organized during the past year, and recognized by a council convened in New Haven on October 4th. On the 7th of the same month they were received into the fellowship of the New Haven Association. Thus endowed they make application for membership in the Convention, and the committee unanimously recommend their reception.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and the President introduced Bro. Sorrensen, the delegate of the Danish church, commending the church to the sympathy and prayers of the churches of the State.

The committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. E. P. Bond,

that they beg to offer the full obituary record found in the report of the Board, asking only the addition of a notice of the death of Rev. Davis T. Shailer. The Convention acceded to the request, and the committee was discharged.

Rev. C. H. Spaulding of Massachusetts spoke in behalf of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Committee on resolutions reported the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are most cordially extended to the First Baptist Church in Waterbury, and other friends, for the cheerful and unbounded hospitalities extended to the members during the sessions of the body.

Resolved, That we also extend the thanks of the Convention to the various railroad officers for the favor extended to the delegates in the reduction of fares.

Resolved, That this Convention desires to express its appreciation of the faithfulness and intelligent sympathy with which the press of Waterbury have reported the proceedings and addresses during the meetings.

Resolved, That we desire to express our sincere regret that the genial and faithful Pastor of the church in Waterbury is deprived, by sickness, of the privilege of attending our meetings, and to assure him and his family of our heartfelt sympathy in his temporary affliction, as well as of our earnest prayers for his speedy and complete recovery.

The above resolutions were adapted, and the committee discharged.

Rev. C. A. Nichols of Sgau Missions of Burma, addressed the Convention, detailing some of his experiences, and suggesting what measures would best increase the missionary spirit among the churches.

Sang the hymn, "Go Labor on, Spend and be Spent."

The President appointed as Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, Revs. I. F. Stidham, L. L. Potter, W. V. Garner, Brethren W. F. Walker, L. Wilcox, Fred. Rogers.

Committee on Enrollment reported, by Rev. W. B. Vassar, that there were present one hundred and eighty-four delegates, representing seventy-nine churches, as follows:

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Andover — Rev. J. W. Searll.
Ansonia — Rev. W. D. McKinney, W. H. Fielding, Thos. J. Spencer.
Ashford, Second — Rev. J. H. Biddle.
Bantam — Rev. E. B. Elmer, Timothy Jordan, Mrs. Timothy Jordan.
Branford — James Fowler.
Bridgeport, First — Rev. W. V. Garner, D.D., Dea. M. E. Morris, Dea. Skinner, H. C. Tuttle, John D. Candee, Frank Williams.

Bridgeport, East Washington Avenue — Rev. John R. Gow, Dea. C. W. Scarritt, Thomas M. Smith, Joseph H. Gunn, Rev. William Ritzman.
Bloomfield — Dea. J. F. Phelps, S. J. Mills.
Bristol — Roswell Atkins, Geo. R. Barber.
Chester — Rev. A. J. Hughes.
Chesterfield — Rev. E. J. Bosworth.
Colchester Borough — Rev. J. Naylor.
Colebrook, North and South — Rev. Wm. Goodwin.
Cornwall, College Street — Rev. Elbridge B. Elmer.
Cornwall Hollow — Rev. C. F. Gordon.
Cromwell — Elizur Cook.
Danbury, Second — Dea. Jabez Amsbury, Daniel Sprague, F. M. Dunham, Charles Hull, A. L. Candee.
Danielsonville — Rev. F. S. Knapp, S. W. Crofut, E. H. Hubbard.
Deep River — Edwin Andrews, J. P. Post.
East Haddam — Rev. J. B. Connell, J. N. Potter.
Easton — Rev. G. H. Kemp, Mrs. G. H. Kemp.
Groton, First — Rev. A. J. Chandler, Mrs. A. J. Chandler, J. C. Lamb.
Haddam — Rev. G. H. Lester, Dea. B. Shailer, Mrs. B. Shailer.
Hartford, First — Rev. L. L. Potter, J. W. Dimock, Mrs. G. T. Utley, Miss Brown.
Hartford, South — Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, Dea. F. A. Carey, Dea. John Gemmill, F. J. Thayer, H. R. Tryon.
Hartford, Asylum Avenue — Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., J. L. Denison.
Hartford, Union — Rev. A. M. Harrison.
Hartford, Memorial — Rev. H. P. Smith, F. M. Hale.
Meriden, First — Rev. J. V. Garton, Edward Miller, S. J. Hall, H. H. Pratt, Miss Fanny Twiss, Miss Flora Bonnell.
Meriden, Main Street — Rev. I. R. Wheelock, S. C. Paddock, Mrs. S. C. Paddock, J. E. Durand, Mrs. J. E. Durand.
Middletown — Rev. C. A. Piddock, Mrs. C. A. Piddock, Augustus Guild, A. B. Ryan.
Montowese — Rev. W. R. Terry, Mrs. W. R. Terry.
Montville, Union — Rev. E. J. Bosworth.
Mystic River, Union — Rev. G. H. Miner, Dea. R. P. Wilbur, Dea. W. H. Potter.
New Britain — Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph.D., T. A. Wooster, J. H. Andrews.
New Haven, First — Rev. Wallace H. Butrick, Geo. E. Robertson, P. C. Durham, Mrs. Henry Allen.
New Haven, Calvary — Rev. T. S. Samson, Rev. E. M. Jerome, Rev. G. J. GaNun, A. J. Harmount.
New Haven, Grand Avenue — Rev. P. S. Evans, Dea. J. P. Merrow, Dea. John McGregor, Mrs. J. P. Merrow, Mrs. John McGregor, Dea. O. J. Hull.
New Haven, German — Dea. Emil Crisand.
New Haven, Danish — Rev. Andrew Sorrensen.
New Milford, Second — Rev. A. J. Cotney, Mrs. A. J. Cotney.
New London, First — Rev. P. A. Nordell, D. D., Mrs. P. A. Nordell, Dea. G. A. Lester, Mrs. G. A. Lester.
New London, Huntington Street — Rev. G. F. Genung, Mrs. G. F. Genung, T. W. Potter.
North Lyme — Rev. S. Washington.
North Stonington, Second — Rev. A. E. Goff, H. F. York.
Norwalk — J. L. Ambler, Mrs. J. L. Ambler.
Norwalk, South — Rev. H. A. Delano, Mrs. H. A. Delano, A. J. Crofut.

Norwich, First — W. R. Cowan, Mrs. W. R. Cowan, D. W. Perkins.
Norwich, Mt. Calvary — Rev. C. G. Roberts.
Old Lyme — Rev. Wallace Crocker.
Plainfield, Union — Rev. J. P. Brown.
Packerville — Rev. A. A. Robinson.
Plainville — Rev. E. C. Miller, Rev. A. E. Denison, William Graham.
Plantsville — Rev. E. S. Holloway, R. W. Cowles, Samuel Green.
Putnam — Rev. J. R. Stubbert, B. G. Smith.
Rainbow — Rev. J. F. Temple, Mrs. J. F. Temple, Dea. Geo. W. Hodge, Mrs. Geo. W. Hodge.
Rockville — Rev. A. S. Brown, Dea. M. W. Loomis, William D. Emerson, Charles Mayer.
Rowayton — Rev. C. W. Potter, S. C. Horton.
Saybrook, First — Rev. W. B. Vassar, G. K. Hull, Mrs. G. K. Hull.
Shelton — Rev. Jas. G. Ditmars, Mrs. J. G. Ditmars.
Southington — Dea. E. H. Plant.
South Windsor — Rev H. A. Morgan.
Stamford — Rev. L. H. Wakeman, Wm. F. Waterbury, J. G. Snelling.
Sterling — Rev. E. S. Hill.
Stonington, First — Rev. A. G. Palmer, D. D.
Stonington, Third — Rev. W. L. Francis.
Stratfield — F. P. Lynch.
Suffield, First — Rev. J. G Ward.
Suffield, Second — Rev. B. W. Lockhart, T. H. Spencer.
Tolland — Rev. B. J. Savage.
Waterburg — Dea Jas. McWhinnie, Dea. A. J. Shipley, Dea. Jas. Spruce, W. C. Myers, J. A. Thurber, D. L. Smith.
Waterford, First — Rev. L. M. Purinton, F. P. Braman.
Wallingford — Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Mrs. A. E. Reynolds, D. E. Morris.
Wethersfield — Rev. E. P. Bond.
White Hills — Rev. S. G. Silliman.
Willimantic — Rev. G. W. Holman, Dea. A. H. Fuller, Albert Barrows.
Willington — Clarence E. Tuller.
Yalesville — J. W. Hunt.

On motion of Bro. J. J. Shepard, it was

Resolved, that, it be recommended to all Baptist churches in this State, that when granting letters of dismission to sister churches, they forward the same direct to pastors, or clerks of the various churches with which the parties wish to unite.

The Convention united in singing the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name"; the Rev. S. D. Phelps, D. D., pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned to meet with the Church in New Britain, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1887.

FRANCIS WAYLAND, *President.*

P. S. Evans, *Recording Clerk, New Haven.*

Elizur Cook, *Statistical Clerk, Hartford.*

Treasurer's Report.

THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION

In account with JAMES LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

DOMESTIC MISSIONS FROM OCTOBER 10, 1885, TO OCTOBER 10, 1886.

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By collections as follows :

1885.		Balance from last account,	$747.77
Oct.	13.	Shelton Church, per Sylvester Rounds, Treas.,	14.00
		Suffield First Church, per John G. Ward,	6.50
	14.	Plainville Church, per A. H. Condell,	10.00
	17.	Brooklyn Church, per B. Brown,	5.62
	19.	Danbury Second Church, per J. Amsbury, Treas.,	80.60
		Groton Bank Church, per D. R. Darrow,	10.46
		Groton First Church S.-S., per Rev. A. J. Chandler,	6.16
		Greeneville Church, per W. S. Bronson,	11.00
		South Norwalk Church, per A. J. Crofut,	23.50
	20.	Waterford First Church, per Frank Braman,	14.65
		Andover Church, per Rev. J. W. Searll,	6.26
		Mount Calvary Church, per Rev. G. F. Genung,	1.00
		College Street Church, Cornwall, per H. G. Dean,	6.00
		Stepney Church, per Rev. E. M. Ogden,	10.00
	21.	Stamford Church, per Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D.,	100.00
		South Windsor Church, per Rev. H. A. Morgan,	10.00
		Colchester Borough S. S., per L. C. Brown,	3.60
	26.	C. S. F. Fuller, jr., Suffield,	5.00
	27.	Judson Miss. Society, Norwalk, per A. J. Crofut, Treas.,	25.00
Nov.	6.	A lady, per Mrs. S. E. Phelps,	2.00
Dec.	1.	Interest on United States Bonds,	67.50
	2.	H. P. Kent, Suffield, per W. S. Bronson,	1.25
	22.	Easton Church, per Sydney Staples,	12.65
	28.	Branford Church S.-S., per W. N. Boynton,	4.36
		New Haven First Church, per Francis Wayland, Treas.,	110.92
	31.	Wallingford Church, per C. H. Brown,	24.72
1886.			
Jan.	1.	Interest on United States Bonds,	5.00
	2.	Interest from Bequest of Esther N. Francis,	12.00
	8.	South Church, Hartford, per A. H. Tillinghast,	31.13
	20.	Interest from Bequest of Ann M. May,	20.00
Feb.	2.	Interest from Bequest of Martha Rogers,	20.00
		Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas.,	75.00
	16.	Southington Church, per F. B. Bradley, Sec'y,	23.00
		Swedes of New Britain and vicinity, per Rev. T. Clafford,	19.28
		Bridgeport First Church S.-S., per J. R. Gaylord, Treas., for Swede Church,	25.00
	17.	German Church, New Haven, per E. Crisand,	10.00
		Poquonnoc Bridge Church, per Rev. G. W. Pendleton,	5.50
	25.	North Stonington Church, per Rev. D. F. Chapman,	10.00

March	1.	Interest on United States Bonds,	$67.50
	11.	Haddam Church, per B. Shailer,	6.00
	29.	Interest from Farm in Illinois,	11.84
	30.	Stafford Church, per Rev. F. L. Batchelder,	6.00
	31.	Cromwell Church, per Geo. W. Stevens, Treas.,	5.00
April	1.	Interest on United States Bond,	5.00
	20.	Meriden First Church, per F. T. Williams, Treas.,	42.82
		Bequest from the Estate of G. W. Mathews,	200.00
	30.	Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas.,	75.00
May	4.	Willimantic Church, per John Hawkins, Treas.,	50.00
	11.	G. Bennett and E. B. Gordon, Spring Hill,	1.00
	17.	Swedes of New Britain and vicinity, per Rev. T. Clafford,	6.50
	18.	James Lockwood (loan),	500.00
	22.	Voluntown Church, per Rev. E. Dewhurst,	5.00
	28.	East Lyme First Church, per J. E. Watrous, Treas.,	10 00
June	1.	Interest on United States Bonds,	67.50
	2.	Fairfield County Association, per H. M. Prowitt,	15.75
	5.	Interest from Farm in Illinois,	200.00
	15.	Groton First Church, per Rev. A. J. Chandler,	7.27
	16.	Stonington Union Association, per Rev. E. Dewhurst,	13.50
July	1.	Interest on United States Bond,	5.00
		Asylum Ave. Ch., Hartford, per James A. Williams, Treas.,	96.45
		Interest from Bequest of Esther N. Francis,	9.00
	2.	Jewett City Church, per J. E. Phillips,	11.58
		White Hills Church, per Rev. S. G. Silliman,	3.95
	3.	New Canaan Mission Band, per J. A. Weed,	3.00
	8.	Interest from Bequest of Martha Rogers,	20.00
		Interest from Bequest of Ann M. May,	20.00
		James Lockwood (loan),	500.00
		Middletown Church S.-S., per W. E. Fuller, Treas.,	2.58
	10.	Interest from Bequest of Eber Dunham, Savings Bank,	161.50
		Interest from Bequest of Eber Dunham, Bank Stock,	40.00
	12.	O. B. Grant, Stonington,	100.00
	13.	Rainbow Church, per Dea. O. M. Holcomb,	2.20
	16.	Rev. S. Kornmaier (over-draft),	25.00
	20.	Central Church, Norwich, per L. A. Gallup, Treas.,	100.00
		New London First Church, per John E. Darrow, Clerk,	42.00
	31.	Swedes of New Britain, per Rev. T. Clafford,	6.65
Aug.	3.	East Washington Av. Ch., Bridgeport, per J. A. Black,	30.00
	4.	East Washington Av. S.-S., Bridgeport, per Chas. W. Beers, Treas.,	10.00
	5.	Hartford Association, per J. W. Dimock, Treas.,	25.00
	6.	Ansonia Church, per Wm. Spencer, Treas.,	12.28
	7.	Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas.,	75.00
	10.	Mrs. M. R. W. Wayland, First Church, New Haven,	25.00
	12.	New Hartford Church, per S. Bull, Treas.,	6.00
	13.	Grand Street Ch., New Haven, per W. H. Huntley, Tr.,	21.72
		Education Society, per G. F. Davis, Treas.,	30.00
	14.	Huntington St. Ch., New London, per W. S. Bronson,	18.34
	16.	Lebanon Church, per John Avery,	5.70
	21.	Saybrook First Church, per S. K. Hull, Treas.,	12.03
	25.	Union Church, Mystic River, per J. O. Fish, Treas.,	24.81
	31.	Putnam Church, per C. N. Allen, Clerk,	41.94
Sept.	3.	Clinton Church, per A. H. Stevens,	14.00
		Andover Church, per Edgar D. White, Treas.,	2.35
	4.	Rainbow Church, per Wm. L. Bidwell,	4.05
	6.	Bristol Church, per C. M. Woodford,	38.13

Sept.	20.	Meriden Main St. Ch., per R. M. Breckenridge, Treas.,	$5.00
		Suffield Second Church, per C. S. Fuller, Treas.,	49 26
		Greeneville Church, per E. B. Gardner,	8.00
		Old Lyme Church, per C. F. Comstock,	3.00
		Calvary Church, New Haven, per H. J. Augur,	150.00
	21.	Deep River Church, per Gideon Parker,	47.65
	22.	East Lyme Second Church, per Rev. Thomas Terry,	8.00
		Suffield First Church, per Rev. J. G. Ward,	20.00
	24.	Tolland Church, per Geo. P. Field,	10.35
	27.	Rev. Charles A. Piddock, Middletown,	8.00
	28.	Norwich First Church, per Geo. E. Cranston, Treas.,	20.00
		Stonington First Church, per Rev. H. P. Smith,	62.00
		Stonington Borough Third Ch., per Rev. H. P. Smith,	20.00
	29.	Rainbow Church, per Dea. O. M. Holcomb,	3.50
	30.	Shelton Church. per Rev. J. Ditmars,	15.00
Oct.	1.	Interest on United States Bond,	5.00
		New Britain First Church, per A. J. Sloper, Treas.,	57.15
	4.	College Street Church, per Rev. E. B. Elmer,	8.00
		Bantam Falls Church, per Rev. E. B. Elmer,	5.00
		Memorial Ch., Hartford, per H. H. Dickinson, Treas.,	10.00
	5.	Sterling Church, per E. Park,	4.00
	6.	Wallingford Church, per C. H. Brown,	26.82
		Ashford Association, per Rev. F. L. Knapp,	5.00
		Interest from Bequest of Almira O. Cone,	27.28
	8.	Judson Miss. Society, So. Norwalk, per A. J. Crofut, Tr.,	25.00
	9.	S. C. Horton, Rowayton,	5.00
	10.	Tariffville Church, per W. W. West,	10.00
		Hartford First Church, per Wm. C. Bolles,	112.00
			$5,147.48

Dr.

1885.		To payments as follows:	
Oct.	21.	Rev. E. S. Holloway, Greeneville Church,	$100.00
	22.	Elizur Cook, Secretary,	150.00
		Rev. W. L. Giles, Shelton Church,	50.00
		Rev. R. D. Wynne, Mt. Calvary Church, Norwich,	25.00
	23.	Silas Chapman, Jr., Ins. on New Hartford Church,	37.50
	26.	Rev. F. F. Spencer, New Hartford Church,	50.00
		Rev. A. S. Brown, Missionary at Rockville,	98.00
		Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, Cornwall Hollow Church,	20.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, North and South Colebrook Chs.,	20.00
		Rev. S. G. Silliman, White Hills Church,	20.00
		Rev. C. W. Potter, Rowayton Church,	50.00
		Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
		Rev. B. J. Savage, Tolland Church,	25.00
Nov.	5.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
Dec.	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
	3.	Rev. Wilson R. Terry, New Canaan Church,	25.00
	10.	Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
		Rev. D. F. Chapman, Pendleton Hill Church,	20.00
		Rev. G. W. Pendleton, Poquonnoc Bridge Church,	20.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, North and South Colebrook Chs.,	20.00
		Rev. A. B. Teft, Spring Hill Church,	20.00
		Rev. A. A. Robinson, Eastford Church,	20.00
		Rev. H. G. Smith, Bloomfield Church,	25.00
		Rev. E. S. Hill, Sterling Church,	25.00
		Rev. E. B. Elmer, College St. and Bantam Churches,	25.00

Dec.	10.	Rev. W. L. Giles, Shelton Church,	$50.00
	29.	H. H. Dickinson, Treasurer, Memorial Ch., Hartford,	100.00
	30.	George Weyh, Treasurer, German Ch., New Britain,	25.00
Jan.	8.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	26.	Rev. B. J. Savage, Tolland Church,	25.00
	27.	Mrs. Sarah F. Dibble, Treasurer, Wethersfield Church interest, E. N. Francis and A. M. May,	32.00
Feb.	2.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
	9.	George Weyh, Treasurer, German Ch., New Britain,	50.00
		Rev. S. G. Silliman, White Hills Ch.,	20.00
	24.	Rev. W. L. Giles, Shelton,	50.00
		Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
Mch.	4.	Rev. A. S. Brown, services at Rockville,	88.00
	6.	Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, Cornwall Hollow Church,	20.00
	22.	Rev. E. B. Elmer, College St and Bantam Churches,	25.00
April	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
	7.	A. H. Nilson, Swedish Church, Bridgeport,	25.00
	22.	Rev. C. W. Potter, Rowayton Church,	50.00
		Rev. F. F. Spencer, New Hartford Church,	50.00
		Rev. G. W. Pendleton, Pŏquonnoc Bridge Church,	20.00
		Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, North and South Colebrook Chs.,	20.00
May	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. F. F. Spencer, New Hartford Church,	50.00
	18.	Morton Sanford, for parsonage at New Hartford (loan),	500.00
	19.	Rev. B. J. Savage, Tolland Church,	25.00
June	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
	8.	Rev. A. S. Brown, services at Rockville,	104.00
		Rev. C. W. Potter, Rowayton Church,	50.00
		Rev. J. Naylor, services at Salem and Scott Hill Chs.,	25.00
		Rev. S. G. Silliman, White Hills Church,	20.00
		Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, Cornwall Hollow Church,	20.00
	10.	Rev. H. P. Smith, Memorial Church, Hartford,	100.00
July	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
		Rev. S. H. Etienne, French Missionary,	100.00
	2.	Morton Sanford, parsonage, New Hartford (loan),	500.00
	19.	Albert Sharp, Treas., West Willington Ch., Dunham Fund,	96.00
		J. C. F. Harris, Eagleville, Mansfield Ch., Dunham Fund,	31.00
		Geo. P. Field, Tolland Ch., Dunham Fund,	52.00
	20.	Rev. E. P. Bond, Wethersfield Church, interest on the Francis and May bequest,	29.00
	24.	Elizur Cook, Secretary, postage and expenses,	15.00
		H. H. Dickinson, Treasurer, Memorial Church,	50.00
	27.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		E. B. Bennett, legal expenses, Rockville and Shelton,	21.00
		Edgar D. White, Treas., Andover Ch., from Dunham Fund,	22.60
Aug.	7.	The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., printing Minutes, etc.,	178.45
		Rev. A. A. Robinson, Eastford Church,	20.00
		Rev. G. W. Pendleton, Poquonnoc Bridge Church,	20.00
		Rev. E. S. Hill, Sterling Church,	25.00
	23.	Rev. B. J. Savage, Tolland Church,	25.00
		Rev. E. B. Elmer, College Street and Bantam Churches,	25.00
Sept.	1.	Rev. G. W. Pendleton, Poquonnoc Bridge Church,	20.00
		Rev. S. G. Silliman, White Hills Church,	20,00

Sept.	1.	Rev. J. W. Brigham, Spring Hill Church,	$25.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, North and South Colebrook Chs.,	20.00
		Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
		Rev. F. F. Spencer, New Hartford Church,	50.00
		Rev. James G. Ditmars, Shelton Church,	25.00
	20.	Rev. James G. Ditmars, Shelton Church,	75.00
		Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
		H. H. Dickinson, Treas., Memorial Ch., Hartford,	50.00
	28.	Rev. C. G. Roberts, Mt. Calvary Ch., from First Church, Norwich,	10.00
		Rev. H. P. Smith, special service,	14.00
	30.	Derby Savings Bank, interest on note to July 15, Shelton Church,	23.25
Oct.	11.	James Lockwood, note and interest,	512.08
		Balance to new account,	78.60
			$5,147.48
		Less due on loan,	$500.00
		Note to Derby Savings Bank Shelton Church,	$1,500.00
		Note from Society's Committee of New Hartford Ch.,	$1,000.00

BUILDING FUND — ROCKVILLE CHURCH.

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By collections as follows:

1885.		Balance from last account,	$639.27
Oct.	13.	Greeneville Church, per Rev. E. S. Holloway,	10.00
	16.	Plainfield Union Church S. S., per Rev. R. Pegrum,	14.00
		Central Thompson Church S. S., per J. D. Converse,	3.00
	19.	Danbury Second Church S. S., per J. Amsbury, Tr.,	25.00
		A Friend, Danbury, per J. Amsbury,	5.00
		Groton First Church S. S., per Rev. A. J. Chandler,	5.00
	20.	New Haven First Church Branch S. S., per Frank A. Bunnell, Treasurer,	6.00
		Waterford First Church S. S., per Frank Braman,	10.00
		Mount Calvary Church S. S., per Rev. R. D. Wynne,	7.18
		Meriden First Church S. S., per Rev. J. V. Garton,	27.50
		Andover Church S. S., per Rev. J. W. Searll,	5.50
		South Windsor Church S. S., per Rev. H. A. Morgan,	15.00
	26.	Jewett City Church S. S., per F. S. Campbell, Sec'y,	3.40
	27.	North Stonington Second Church, per Rev. A. E. Goff,	2.01
		Willington Church S. S., per Albert Sharp, Tr.,	3.30
Nov.	4.	A Friend, East Lyme, per W. S. Bronson,	1.00
	20.	Ansonia Church S. S., per H. C. Cook, Tr.,	6.00
1886.			
Feb.	16.	Bridgeport First Church S. S., per J. R. Gaylord, Tr.,	25 00
May	15.	Ashford Second Church, per Rev. L. S. Brown,	2.25
Sept.	20.	North Stonington Church, per Rev. A. E. Goff,	2.00
Oct.	1.	New Haven First Church S. S., per John I. Jacobus, Tr.,	15.00
	6.	Wallingford Church S. S., per C. H. Brown,	11.19
	9.	Moodus Church, per L. M. Stark,	2.90
			$846.50

Dr.

Apr. 17.	William Herskell, from Rockville Building Fund,	$400.00
	Balance,	446.50
		$846.50

JAMES LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

HARTFORD, October 13, 1886.

Examined and believed to be correct.

GUSTAVUS F. DAVIS, *Auditor.*

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT — DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last account,	$747.77
From Churches and individuals,	2,225.76
From Sunday-schools,	45.48
From Interest,	764.22
From Associations and Education Society,	89.25
From Woman's Home Mission Union,	225.00
From Loans,	1,000.00
From Judson Mission Society,	50.00
	$5,147.48

PAYMENTS.

In aid of Churches,	$3,202.60
Salary of Missionaries and Expenses,	1,115.00
Printing Minutes, etc.,	178.45
Loan,	512.08
Insurance,	37.50
Interest,	23.25
Balance,	78.60
	$5,147.48

BUILDING FUND, ROCKVILLE CHURCH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	$639.27
From Churches and individuals,	25.16
From Sunday-schools,	182.07
	$846.50

PAYMENTS.

To Rockville Church,	$400.00
Balance to new account,	446.50
	$846.50

REAL ESTATE AND BEQUESTS.

Real Estate in Illinois,	$13,295.67
Bequest of Alva Baldwin, Branford,	879.69
Bequest of Eber Dunham, Mansfield,	4,500.00
Bequest of Martha Rogers, Middletown,	500.00
Bequest of Lucinda Newton, Cheshire,	1,604.39
Bequest of Esther N. Francis, Wethersfield,	900.00
Bequest of Charles H. Chapman, Brooklyn,	6,500.00
Bequest of Ann M. May, Wethersfield,	500.00
Bequest of Almira O. Cone, East Haddam,	5,000.00
	$33,679.75

PRINTING MINUTES.

Cr.

Fairfield County Association,	$15.75
Stonington Union Association,	13.50
Hartford Association,	25.00
Education Society,	30.00
Ashford Association,	5.00
Cash from Domestic Mission Fund,	89.20
	$178.45

Dr.

To paid The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.,	$178.45

Mr. President and gentlemen of the Convention:

The Treasurer's report now before you is the eleventh since my election to the office. At that time all that was transferred to me was the farm in Illinois. Since then there have been eight bequests, which, with the farm in Illinois, amount to $33,679.75; they have all been invested, and the interest has been promptly paid and disbursed to the parties for whom the bequests were made.

The Arba Baldwin bequest of $593.62 has increased to $879.69, the interest to be paid to the widows and orphans of deceased Baptist ministers of this State. Deposited in the Society for Savings, Hartford.

The Eber Dunham bequest of $4,500, $4,000 in the Society for Savings, and $500 in the Hartford National Bank, the income to be paid to the Baptist churches of Willington, Mansfield, Tolland, Andover, Stafford, Eastford, and South Ashford, according to the will.

The bequest of Martha Rogers, of $500, is invested in real estate, at 7 per cent. semi-annually, the interest to be given to feeble churches, to assist them to build meeting-houses.

Lucinda Newton's bequest of $1,243.86 has increased to $1,604.39, to build a church in Cheshire; if not built in ten years from her decease it becomes the property of the Convention, to be theirs forever.

The bequest of Esther N. Francis, of $900, $500 in the State Savings Bank of Hartford, $400 in the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Hartford, the income to be paid to the Baptist church in Wethersfield.

Charles H. Chapman's bequest of $6,500 is invested in Government Bonds, registered, $500 4 per cents., and $6,000 4½ per cents.

The bequest of Ann M. May, of $500, is invested in real estate, the income to be given to the Baptist church in Wethersfield.

The Almira O. Cone bequest of $5,000 has been invested, by order of the Board, in real estate, interest at 7 per cent., semi-annually; one-half of the income to go to the Baptist church in Moodus, and the remainder to the Convention, to apply to such ends and purposes as the trustees may order. If the interest is not paid annually, or oftener, the bequest reverts to other parties.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES LOCKWOOD.

Historic Record.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and vicinity," was first organized in Hartford, in October, 1823. No Annual Sermon was provided for until the session of 1826.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823.	Hartford,	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles,		
1824.	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day,		
1825.	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,		
1826.	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,	J. M. Peck,	
1827.	Hartford,	Asahel Morse,	Albert Day,	Esek Brown,	
1828.	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robins,	B. M. Hill,	
1829.	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robins,	J. Cookson,	
1830.	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Gurdon Robins,	P. Brockett,	Rom. 12: 14.
1831.	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	G. Phippin,	Isa. 60. 1.
1832.	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	G. Robbins,	Psalm 133: 1.
1833.	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	J. H Linsley,	L. Kneeland,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1834.	Hartford,	Elisha Cushman,	H. Stanwood,	N. Wildman,	Isa. 43: 21.
1835.	Middletown,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	R. H. Neale,	Isa. 53: 1.
1836.	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	S. H. Cone,	Luke 7 : 38.
1837.	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	J. Cookson,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838.	New London,	J. Cookson,	B Cook,	B. Cook,	Jude 3.
1839.	New Haven,	J. H. Linsley,	H. Wooster,	R. Turnbull,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840.	Essex,	George Reed,	William Reid,	F. Wightman,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841.	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	John 4 : 35–38.
1842.	Middletown,	D. Ives,	J S. Eaton,	T. C. Teasdale,	
1843.	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3 : 10.
1844.	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845.	New London,	J. S Swan,	E. Savage.	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846.	Hartford,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	Isa. 62: 1.
1847.	Deep River,	R. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	Num. 14: 8.
1848.	Suffield,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	1 John 5: 19.
1849.	Bristol,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hiscock,	Heb. 6: 10.
1850.	Danbury,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Matt. 25: 40–45.
1851.	Stonington,	E. T. Hiscock,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Eph. 1: 3–6.
1852.	New Haven,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	J. N. Murdock,	Luke 24: 24.
1853.	Norwich,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Isa. 63: 3.
1854.	Hartford,	J. N. Murdock,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Matt. 10: 34–36.
1855.	Meriden,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Hodge,	Gal 2: 20.
1856.	Middletown,	W. S Clapp,	E. Cushman,	W. Reid,	Acts 1 : 8.
1857.	New London,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	Phil. 2: 15.
1858.	Southington,	F. Denison,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	Psalm 130: 4.
1859.	Hartford,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	W. Fitz,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860.	New Haven,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861.	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	Isa. 42: 4.
1862.	Stamford,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863.	Willimantic,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane.	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864.	Essex,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone	John 21: 4–6.
1865.	Danbury,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866.	Hartford,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	I. H. Glibert,	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867.	Mystic River,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Rev. 5: 10.
1868.	New Haven,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869.	Deep River,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	B. S. Morse,	Mark 1: 40–42.
1870.	New Britain,	A. P. Buell,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Mason,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871.	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872.	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	Eph. 1: 18.
1873.	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J Sage,	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874.	Panama.	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull.	C. E. Smith,	Prov 4: 23.
1875.	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	
1876.	Suffield,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Zech. 4: 6.
1877.	Norwich,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	F. F. Emerson,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davies,	Matt. 16: 3.
1879.	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880.	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881.	New London,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. R Stubbert,	Jonah 3: 3.
1882.	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883.	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A T. Hanna.	M. H. Pogson,	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. C. Sargent,	Luke 2: 32.
1885.	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garton,	Matt. 6: 10.
1886.	Waterbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	G. W. Holman,	Matt. 28: 20.
1887.	New Britain.				

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES, 1885-1886.

CHURCHES.											HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.											
			ADDED BY			REMOVED BY					CONTRIBUTIONS FOR											
Churches and Associations.	Organized.	Ministers, with Date of Settlement.	Baptism.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Death.	Exclusion.	Dismissal.	Letter.	Total Members.	Home Expenses.	Minutes.	Education Society.	State Convention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Publication and Bible Society.	Other Objects.	Total.
Andover, A.	1826	J. W. Searll, '85.	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	82	$361.72	$1.50	0	$8.61	$7.00	$20.00	0	0	0	0	0	$35.61
Ansonia, N.H.	1874	W. D. McKinney, '84,	2	1	0	4	4	3	2	5	215	1,988.87	3.00	0	12.28	10.97	20.41	0	$76.00	0	0	0	119.66
Ashford, So. Central, A.	1846	N. Kingsbury, '86,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	89	0	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Second, Westford, A.	1884	J. H. Biddle, '86,	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	33	202.44	1.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baltic, H.	1850	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bantam, H.	1850	E. B. Elmer, '85.	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	54	327.00	1.00	0	0	1.00	4 00	0	0	0	$4.00	$56.00	65.00
Bozrah, N.L.	1831	S. J. Weaver, '74,	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	59	550.00	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Branford, N.H.	1838	None,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	131	950.00	2.00	0	0	15.00	15.00	0	12.0	0	0	0	42 00
Bridgeport, First, F.	1837	W. V. Garner, D.D., '84,	13	1	1	11	3	0	18	18	351	3,680.56	10.00	.....	97.00	150.00	150.25	$58.21	381.29	0	41.09	295.88	1,173.72
E. Washington Av., F.	1874	J. R. Gow, '86,	20	1	2	27	3	0	0	16	239	2,500.00	5.00	$16.00	30.00	0	33.00	0	0	0	0	24.00	103.00
Messiah (Col.), F.	1884	A. B. Brown, '84.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedish, F.	1884	J. Westerbury, '84,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield, H.	1786	None,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	151	400 00	1.50	14.25	15.60	40.07	22.57	5.00	0	0	10.65	0	108.14
Bristol, H.	1791	None,	4	0	0	6	2	0	1	5	293	2,238.34	0	0	38.13	75.00	37.00	0	70.00	$25.00	6.00	40.00	291.13
Brooklyn, A.	1828	Wm. Gussmann, '85,	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	99	624.42	3.00	2.14	1.89	3.80	2.30	0	13.00	0	1.75	0	24.88
Canton, H.	1793	None,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester, N.H.	1832	A. J. Hughes, '84,	0	0	0	0	2	7	46	0	140	1,000.00	3.00	0	0	12.25	11.25	0	28.25	0	0	0	51.75
Chesterfield, N.L.	1824	None,	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	90	200.00	1.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake's Pond, N.L.	1842	S. Perkins, '70,	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	95	.....	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton, N.H.	1825	E. D. Shull, '86,	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	7	123	624.62	3.00	0	14.00	22.50	38.00	0	14.09	0	0	0	88 59
Colchester, N.L.	1780	D. D. Lyon, '86,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	.....	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borough, N.L.	1836	J. Naylor, '84.	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	166	875.46	3.00	0	12.00	2.00	5.45	0	28.30	0	0	0	47.75
Colebrook, North, H.	1794	William Goodwin, '79,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	102.00	0	1.00	2.00	1.00	3.27	0	0	0	0	0	7.27
South, H.	1848	William Goodwin, '79,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	60	146.00	.....	2.00	0	4.00	14.75	0	8.00	15.00	0	3.00	44.75
Cornwall, College St., H.	1784	E. B. Elmer, '85,	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	57	213.76	1.50	0	8.00	7.00	9.10	0	8.50	6.00	3 52	20.00	63.13
Hollow, H.	.....	C. F. Gordon, '86,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Cromwell,	N.H.	1802	None,	4	0	0	5	2	0	4	2	78	632.50	1.50	0	5.00	13.00	14.00	0	12.39	43.65	0	15.40	103.44
Danbury, First,	F.	1785	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second,	F.	1790	A. C. Hubbard, D.D.,'68.	19	0	1	8	6	3	2	14	491	3,131.12	10 00	22.02	87.49	97.11	87.72	68.24	72.63	0	37.45	346.12	818.79
Mill Plain,	F.	1850	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danielsonville,	A.	1874	F. L. Knapp,	16	0	0	8	3	0	0	6	167	1,300.00	4.00	0	0	17.35	13.00	0	30.00	92.45	0	36.50	179.20
Deep River,	N.H.	1830	None,	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	248	2,015.14	2.00	0	46.79	154.24	170.49	27.50	38.60	106.62	0	0	545.24
Eastford,	A.	1790	—— Culver, '86,	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	80	365.00	2.00	0	9.50	5.00	18.70	0	0	0	5.00	0	38.20
East Haddam, Central,	N.L.	1810	J. B. Connell, '84,	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	98	750.00	2.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Lyme, First,	N.L.	1705	D. Taylor, '85,	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	170	.....	2.00	0	0	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.00
Second,	N.L.	1842	Thomas Terry, '82,	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	141	1,187.00	2.50	0	0	13.60	15.00	16.24	13.00	6.00	0	85.52	149 36
Easton,	F.	1831	G. H. Kemp, '85,	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	126	850.00	4.00	0	11.00	25.00	13.00	0	0	0	19.00	0	68.00
Essex,	N.H.	1811	D. L. Crafts, '85,	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	221	1,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.75	0	0	0	45.75
Groton Bank,	S.	1843	G. N. Ballentine, '86,	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	261	1,556.44	2.00	0	0	12.00	7.30	0	15.00	0	7.07	79.89	121.35
First,	S.	1705	A. J. Chandler, '85,	4	0	0	14	5	0	0	4	268	1,022.49	3.00	0	15.32	10.00	9.50	0	17.00	0	15.25	3.10	70.17
Haddam,	N.L.	1822	Geo. H. Lester, '85,	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	77	798.00	1.50	0	6.00	10.00	17.00	0	0	0	0	48.00	81.00
Hartford, First,	H.	1790	L. L. Potter, '85,	10	0	1	28	7	24	42	7	591	5,979.18	10.00	115.00	163.00	256.75	230.03	10.00	205.00	91.00	115.00	908.22	2,089.00
South,	H.	1834	K. Wheeler, '85,	17	1	0	9	15	0	4	19	677	5,567.30	10.00	0	11.29	246.36	27.25	10.00	35.30	21.50	0	228.70	312.86
Asylum Ave.,	H.	1871	G. M. Stone, D.D., '79,	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	5	181	3,610.59	5.00	34.83	96.45	83.30	160.29	5.00	80.00	0	0	157.01	617.48
Union (Col.),	H.	1882	A. M. Harrison, '82,	1	11	1	0	2	4	3	2	80	519.00	1.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	5.00
Memorial,	H.	1884	H. P. Smith, '84,	22	3	0	13	0	0	0	4	101	2,044.85	0	5.54	29.06	7.35	6.10	0	0	0	0	0	48.05
Jewett City,	S.	1840	S. G. Hastings, '85,	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	3	186	1,221.74	5.00	0	11.35	20.00	24.50	1.72	30.75	77.74	10.14	6.50	182.68
Killingly, East,	A.	1776	None,	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	133	.....	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon,	N.L.	1805	G. L. Putnam, '83,	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	169	761.21	3.00	0	5.70	7.00	19.00	3.50	0	15.00	0	0	50.20
Ledyard,	S.	1843	None,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mansfield,	A.	1849	J. W. Brigham, '86,	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	77	375.00	1.50	0	4.50	10.00	1.00	0	15.00	16.00	0	0	46.50
Meriden, First,	N.H.	1726	J. V. Garton, '89,	6	0	0	2	7	1	4	5	468	3,300.00	5.00	2.16	30.93	149.53	46.91	0	218.62	152.47	32.44	2.00	636.06
Main Street,	N.H.	1861	I. R. Wheelock, '85,	6	2	1	8	0	5	0	7	323	2,500.00	5.00	9.35	5.00	19.22	47.50	0	77.37	33.30	11.25	110.00	302.89
German,	N.H.	1872	None,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.50	.....	.....	.....	5.50
Middletown,	N.H.	1795	C. A. Piddock, '80,	17	4	0	5	0	0	0	6	429	2,337.49	5.00	5.08	35 00	35.00	53.00	0	51.00	0	55.00	603.55	837.63
Montville, Union,	N.L.	1842	E. J. Bosworth, '85,	4	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	178	.....	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	40.00	0	16.80	0	56.80
Mystic River, Union,	S.	1765	G. H. Miner, '84,	4	0	0	1	4	1	0	8	653	2,989.53	10.00	0	0	64.27	30.47	0	120.00	95.00	0	32.00	341.74
New Britain, First,	H.	1808	I. F. Stidham, Ph.D ,'85.	43	1	0	14	3	0	0	10	539	4,160.00	0	0	57.32	41.26	52.85	0	65.02	69.53	43.82	130.00	459.80
German,	H.	1833	None,	10	0	2	0	0	0	16	3	52	6.2.00	0	30.00	5.00	0	72.00	0	0	0	0	0	107.00
Swedish,	H.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Canaan,	F.	1873	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	46	109.00	1.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	0	1.50
New Hartford,	H.	1859	F. F. Spencer, '85,	19	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	70	466.03	1.00	0	6.00	6.00	15.00	0	0	0	0	0	27.00
New Haven, First,	N.H.	1816	W. H. Butrick, '83,	30	1	0	16	6	0	2	8	655	5,199.46	10.00	0	188.28	337.49	266.30	0	505.64	422.30	69.07	1,208.28	2,997.36
Calvary,	N.H.	1871	T. S. Sampson, '80,	25	0	0	20	7	1	0	17	643	8,000.00	10.00	100.00	150.00	150.00	125.00	0	214.08	144.75	25.00	300.00	1,208.83
Emanuel,	N.H.	1856	H. H. Johnson, '85,	5	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	152	960.16	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.50	38.50
German,	N.H.	1862	W. Schaff,	10	0	0	12	2	6	1	36	141	1,268.00	2.00	43.00	6.00	40.00	22.00	11.00	33.00	10.00	0	70.00	235.00
Grand Street,	N.H.	1872	P. S. Evans, '85,	4	2	0	7	2	3	0	12	197	2,053.00	3.00	0	21.52	43.34	80.00	0	87.54	36.75	0	0	279.15
Danish,	N.H.	1866	A. Saurenson, '86,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Milford, First,	F.	1814	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second,	F.	1838	A. J. Cotney, '85,	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	400.00	1.75	0	0	0	10.00	0	22.00	0	0	4.00	36.00

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES, 1885-1886.—Continued.

Churches and Associations.	Organized.	Ministers, with Date of Settlement.	Added by Baptism.	Added by Experience.	Added by Restoration.	Added by Letter.	Removed by Death.	Removed by Exclusion.	Removed by Erasure.	Removed by Letter.	Total Members.	Home expenses.	Minutes.	Education Society.	State Convention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Publication and Bible Society.	Other Objects	Total.
			Churches.									Home expenses and benevolence. Contributions for											
New London, First, N.L.	1804	P. A. Nordell, D.D., '82,	10	0	0	2	9	0	1	2	480	$3,600.00	$6.00	0	$64.35	$80.82	130.00	$33.00	$62.41	$52.41	$42.00	$115.00	$579.99
Huntington St., N. L.	1849	G. F. Genung, '85,	4	0	0	3	6	0	11	4	363	1,700.00	5.00	$11.12	18.34	16.16	24.80	8.30	55.18	94.37	0	197.97	357.99
Newtown, F.	1794	None,	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Noank, S.	1843	A. J. Wilcox, '85,	2	2	0	3	4	0	0	1	368	1,400.00	5.00	0	0	0	24.40	22.23	25.00	0	0	0	71.63
No. Haven (Montowese), N H.	1841	W. R. Terry, '85,	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	81	500.00	1.00	0	0	0	14.00	0	30.00	0	10.00	0	54.00
North Lyme, N.L.	1810	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	158	550.00	2.00	0	15.00	31.00	0	0	21.00	10.00	0	0	77.00
North Stonington, First, S.	1765	D. F. Chapman, '78,	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	81	420.00	2.50	0	10.00	0	0	2.00	0	0	0	0	12.00
Second, S.	1765	A. E. Goff, '84,	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	145	477.00	1.50	0	0	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.00
Third, S.	1828	D. C. Easton, '84,	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	2	299	1,000.00	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	11.50	11.50	0	0	23.00
Norwalk, F.	1837	R. McGonegal, '82,	4	0	1	5	2	0	0	10	219	1,600.00	5.00	0	0	28.76	18.00	0	70.00	0	10.00	14.00	140.76
South, F.	1839	H. A. Delano, '86,	4	1	0	9	3	4	7	9	236	2,700.00	5.00	0	25.00	60.68	33.21	0	12.00	0	24.76	30.00	245.65
Norwich, First, N.L.	1810	None,	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	9	267	.....	3.00	0	20.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.00
Central, N.L.	1840	None,	12	1	1	8	5	2	0	10	508	4,168.24	10.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	86.00	142.17	105.07	110.00	712.86	1,771.64
Greenerville, N.L.	1845	None,	5	1	0	3	2	0	1	4	132	1,500.00	2.50	0	8.00	10.00	23.00	0	5.00	0	12.65	0	58.65
Mt. Calvary (Col.), N.L.	1871	C. G. Roberts, '86,	2	1	3	3	1	1	0	2	85	530.00	2.00	0	1.00	0	0	0	1.00	0	0	10.00	12.00
Old Lyme, N.L.	1842	Wallace Croker, '86,	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	125	650.00	1.75	0	3.00	0	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
Plainfield, Union, S.	1792	Robert Pegrum, '85,	8	3	0	10	3	0	0	3	229	1,200.00	2.00	0	22.00	10.00	10.50	0	30.00	8.50	0	0	81.00
Packersville, S.	1828	A. A. Robinson, '86,	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	106	815.00	2.50	0	19.16	0	0	0	23.50	0	0	93.84	136.50
Plainville, H.	1852	E. C. Miller, '83,	10	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	73	719.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	23.00	0	25.00	5.00	0	0	73.00
Plantsville, N.H.	1872	E. S. Holloway, '86,	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	95	2,053.00	3.00	0	21.52	53.34	90.00	0	87.54	36.75	0	0	279.15
Poquonnoc Bridge, S.	1856	G. W. Pendleton, '84,	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	109	645.00	1.00	4.00	6.48	0	0	0	6.00	0	3.42	0	19.90
Preston, S.	1812	Joseph McKean, '86,	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	138	920.00	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	19.50	0	0	6.08	25.58
Putnam, A.	1847	J. R. Stubbert, '82,	14	0	0	11	4	0	0	4	417	2,300.00	7.00	12.80	41.94	82.43	170.99	0	82.56	177.50	26.96	156.44	751.62
Rainbow, H.	1875	J. F. Temple, '85,	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	47	1,085.77	3.00	0	9.73	42.22	15.00	0	26.00	33.50	12.53	7.00	145.98

Rockville,	H.	1883	A. S. Brown (supply),	7	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	55	160.69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rowayton (2d Norwalk),	F.	1863	C. W. Potter, '85,	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	77	500.00	1.00	0	5.00	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
Salem,	N. L.	1767	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	.....	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saybrook, First,	N.H.	1744	W. B. Vassar, '86,	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	82	698.27	2.00	0	17.08	7.45	6.52	0	13.50	0	6.41	0	50.91
Shelton,	F.	1882	J. G. Ditman, '86,	5	1	0	14	0	0	0	3	60	417.57	1.00	0	15.00	8.50	7.00	0	0	0	0	6.75	37.25
Southington,	N.H.	1738	Geo. E. Nichols, '81,	9	1	0	1	3	1	0	6	181	1,900.00	3.00	0	23.00	0	21.70	0	19.50	18.00	0	0	105.30
South Windsor,	H.	1821	H. A. Morgan, '82,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	48	988.50	0	0	15.00	0	25.00	2.00	25.00	25.00	0	16.00	108.00
Stafford,	A.	1809	F. L. Batchelder, '65,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	187.00	1.65	0	6.00	6.75	13.75	0	21.60	22.26	5.00	0	75 36
Stamford,	F.	1773	None,	14	1	0	8	7	0	0	5	317	.....	10.00	100.00	200.00	601.26	601.70	50.00	273.25	0	130.00	0	1,956.21
Stepney,	F.	1848	E. M. Ogden, '84,	0	0	0	4	3	4	1	0	94	600.00	3.00	0	10.00	16.00	19.00	0	0	0	10.00	9.00	64.00
Sterling,	S.	1813	E. S. Hill, '85,	4	2	1	4	4	0	0	7	95	565.38	1.50	2.00	8.00	3.00	8.00	. . .	3.25	0	0	0	24.25
Stonington, First,	S.	1775	A. G. Palmer, D.D., '61,	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	276	1,250.00	5.00	0	100.00	175.00	153.00	72.00	50.00	0	0	75.00	625.00
Third,	S	1846	None,	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	54	338.22	2.00	0	0	7.64	8.28	1.00	.....	0	0	0	16.92
Stratfield,	F.	1751	F. P. Lynch, '85,	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	59	600.00	2.00	0	0	0	60.00	0	16.00	0	8.50	22.50	107.00
Suffield, First,	H.	1766	J. G. Ward, '84,	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	90	671.00	2.00	20.46	20.00	52.91	47.05	0	11.75	11.75	7.50	0	171.42
Second,	H.	1805	B. W. Lockhart, '82,	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	8	597	3,170.00	0	12.67	44.26	197.65	165.38	0	0	0	22.54	29.20	471.70
Tariffville,	H.	1833	None,	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	76	620.00	0	0	0	5.00	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	10.00
Thompson, Central,	A.	1846	C. H. Hickok, '83,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	116	800.00	4.00	2.00	0	0	0	0	13.00	41.06	0	0	56.06
East,	A.	1773	S. Thatcher, '83,	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	247.50	2.00	0	0	0	8.50	0	0	0	0	0	8.50
Tolland,	A.	1807	B. J. Savage, '85,	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	70	750.00	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Voluntown,	S	1832	Eli Dewhurst, '83,	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	177	700.00	2.00	0	5.00	6.00	6.00	8 60	3.25	3.85	2.00	0	34.70
Waterbury,	N.H.	1803	J. W. Richardson, '85,	54	4	0	11	4	0	0	17	471	4,011.74	5.00	11.30	47.05	35.00	78.50	47.56	57.75	0	0	0	277.16
Waterford, First,	N. L.	1710	L. M. Purinton, '84,	0	0	0	0	8	8	3	4	413	1,155.00	5.00	0	0	7.10	59.30	23 00	49.77	22.25	0	0	161 62
Second,	N. L.	1836	W. H. Burlew, '85,	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	123	.....	1.00	0	0	12.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.00
Wallingford,	N.H.	1817	A. E. Reynolds, '83,	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	289	2,338.14	5.00	15.76	22.47	78.58	78.04	0	41 39	12.00	46.59	69.62	364.45
West Hartford,	H.	1859	None,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wethersfield,	H.	1782	E. P. Bond, '79,	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	53	333.00	1.50	0	3.00	0	0	0	9.00	0	0	0	12.00
White Hills,	F.	1830	S. G. Silliman, '82,	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	37	428.00	1.65	1.00	3.95	5.00	4.70	0	5.50	0	0	0	20.15
Willimantic,	A.	1828	G. W. Holman, '79,	0	0	0	7	7	0	2	9	360	2,025.00	5.00	0	50.00	50.38	34.00	0	40 00	12.00	0	0	136.38
Willington,	A.	1827	None,	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	147	0	2.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodstock, First,	A.	1767	L. H. Wakeman, '86,	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	83	0	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Second,	A.	1792	P. Mathewson, '86,	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	92	0	1.00	0	5.17	20.00	28.70	0	0	0	0	3.00	56.87
Yalesville,	N.H.	1832	None,	8	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	60	597.00	2.00	1.95	3 95	49.84	57.34	0	0	0	42.53	335.50	491.11

SUMMARY, 1885-86.

Associations.	CHURCHES. Pastors.	Without Charge and Lic.	Number of Churches.	ADDED BY Baptism.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	REMOVED BY Death.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Letter.	Total Membership.	HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR Home Expenses.	Minutes.	Education Society.	State Convention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home.	Woman's Home Mission Society.	Bible and Publication Society.	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Average per Member.	Total for all Objects.
Stonington Union,	15	5	17	33	8	1	43	37	1	16	44	3,387	$16,500.80	$51.50	$6.00	$197.29	$304.36	$281.95	107.55	$204.23	$37.88	$354.75	$296.41	$1,790.42	$.53	$18,342.72
Ashford,	..	..	17	49	5	1	32	35	2	7	39	2,174	9,438.08	43.65	21.94	127.61	202.56	310.94	0	361.27	33.71	205.16	195.94	1,459.23	.67	10,940.96
New London,	..	..	22	50	7	5	34	61	16	17	45	3,889	18,177.01	60.75	61.12	232.39	303.68	460.55	170.07	326.83	182.45	404.03	1,121.35	3,401.00	.87	21,638.76
Fairfield County,	13	..	20	88	6	5	90	37	15	33	82	2,528	17,516.25	60.90	139.03	469.44	985.81	1,020.58	176.45	0	342.30	850.55	759.50	4,791.78	1.90	22,568.93
Hartford,	17	..	24	178	21	4	83	48	29	68	79	4,017	35,301.16	66.75	240.75	531.84	1,071.87	934.69	34.00	429.28	225.56	744 57	1,622.15	5,983.47	1.46½	41,284.63
New Haven,	22	..	26	196	28	2	122	61	27	65	146	5,694	47,322.39	79.00	188.50	659 30	1,335.91	1,196.96	86.06	839.84	299.29	1,581.97	2,813.60	9,031.43	1.58½	60,314.38
Totals,	..	..	126	594	75	28	404	279	90	206	435	21,686	144,165 69	362.55	657.34	2,217.87	4,104.19	4,215.67	574.13	2,071.45	1,121.19	4,141.03	6,808.95	26,457.33	1.17	174,890.38
Totals for 1877,	..	..	119	747	70	32	298	255	66	143	305	20,640	141,942.47	403.50	1,158.69	3,905.70	3,551.54	3,423.64	103.25	Contributions consolidated until 1885.	504.12	2,981.07	14,682.93	30,611.85	1.48	160,646.60
Totals for 1878,	..	..	121	835	51	25	394	269	122	338	416	20,677	121,699.87	401.00	767.76	3,341.35	3,171.65	3,753.27	99.85		749.27	3,069.03	7,004.52	23,527.99	1.14	144,051.17
Totals for 1879,	..	..	119	589	53	42	336	290	85	127	357	20,767	109,386.40	386.68	658.12	2,809.46	2,468.05	2,787.11	106.10		727.04	3,230.37	5,774.71	20,348.96	.95	143,447.17
Totals for 1880,	..	..	119	851	28	15	332	279	121	115	343	20,618	104,878.13	387.71	920.13	5,268.16	3,793.60	5,209.29	262.32		1,425.10	3,108.31	13,416.32	33,383.44	1.67	138,649.28
Totals for 1881,	..	..	120	588	55	20	311	287	76	127	373	20,830	148,846.93	385.07	677.81	2,474.26	3,703.02	4,000.11	277.50		1,197.06	3,278.39	6,141.64	21,530.74	1.01	170,435.26
Totals for 1882,	..	..	121	567	41	33	422	336	65	134	378	20,810	134,069.42	372.12	970 41	4,883.58	5,187.69	5,004.58	75.64		568.87	3,358.60	8,357.11	27,245.28	1.29	161,466.82
Totals for 1883,	..	..	121	593	31	27	419	289	80	82	446	20,843	146,224.90	347.75	667.70	3,831.18	4,092.09	4,235.76	166.81		736.60	3,932.70	11,107.76	28,521.64	1.37	173,908.04
Totals for 1884,	..	..	125	789	61	25	384	270	60	253	444	21,558	147,943.32	276.11	747.44	5,096.70	4,537.39	3,881.26	269.05		1,490.07	5,103.31	8,138.50	29,383.77	1.36½	176,941.79
Totals for 1885,	..	..	126	743	70	30	367	354	79	184	382	21,785	100,719.79	343.40	586.04	2,845.32	4,380.95	3,541.56	346.08	2,836.12	1,154.52	3,896.40	6,609.99	28,194.64	1.31½	.....

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN CONNECTICUT.

First Baptist Church,
Waterbury, Oct. 18, 1886.

The Conference was called to order at 2 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Stone, the President.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. A. E. Reynolds of Wallingford, offered prayer.

The President then read a portion of Scripture.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. G. H. Miner.

Board of Directors, Rev. Dr. G. M. Stone, Hartford Association; Rev. Dr. A. C. Hubbard, Fairfield Association; Rev. Dr. A. G. Palmer, Stonington Union Association; Rev. T. S. Samson, New Haven Association; Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Ashford Association; Rev. Dr. P. A. Nordell, New London Association.

The following were appointed to arrange for the meeting next year and report at the session this evening:

Rev. G. H. Miner, Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. J. R. Stubbert.

Voted to proceed to listen to the reading of the papers for discussion.

A telegram from Rev. I. F. Stidham announced that he was sick and unable to be present to read his paper according to appointment.

The second paper was read by Rev. G. H. Miner. Subject assigned: "*Modern Theories of the Future Life.*"

An interesting and profitable discussion followed for more than two hours.

Rev. Dr. Nordell moved a vote of thanks to the writer for the able and thoughtful paper presented, which motion passed.

Rev. Dr. N. W. Miner, Superintendent of the Ministers' Home, New York, was invited to speak in the interests of the Home.

He urged the necessity of its support by the churches, and appealed to the brethren for their sympathy and aid.

Voted, "That we hereby formally indorse this Baptist Ministers' Home, and recommend that our churches contribute to its support."

The following brethren were appointed to represent this State on the Board of Trustees the ensuing year:

Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Danbury; Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford; Capt. E. Morgan, Groton; Rev. L. L. Potter, Hartford; M. E. Morris, Bridgeport.

Voted to adjourn to 7:15 o'clock this evening to the audience-room of the church to listen to a sermon by Rev. Dr. Garner of Bridgeport.

Met according to adjournment. After devotional exercises the Committee of Arrangements for next year reported as follows:

1. That a paper be read by Rev. J. R. Gow of Bridgeport. Subject, "The Scriptural Tests of Conversion."

2. A paper by Rev. I. F. Stidham of New Britain. Subject: "Inspiration; its Nature and Scope."

3. That a sermon be preached in the evening by Rev. Dr. Nordell of New London.

Report was adopted.

Dr. Garner then preached a practical and helpful sermon from II Cor. v, 20: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ."

Adjourned. G. H. MINER, *Secretary.*

AN ABSTRACT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this Society shall be "The Conference of Baptist Ministers in Connecticut."

ART. II. Every ordained Baptist minister, resident in Connecticut, and a member of a Baptist Church in Connecticut, shall be a member of this Conference.

ART. III. The objects of this Conference shall be the union and usefulness of its members, and the relief of indigent and disabled Baptist ministers and their families.

ART. IV. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be held on the Monday preceding the State Convention, and at the same place.

ART. V. The Conference shall elect annually, by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director from each Association in the State.

N. B.—The Constitution and By-Laws in full are printed in the Convention Minutes of 1882.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name of THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist indigent young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds; to examine and admit candidates for the benefit of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, giving ample security for the same, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary. His account shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee.

ART. 7. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other necessary business shall be holden during

the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

Art. 8. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and their commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall furthermore be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

Art. 9. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

Art. 10. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution at any time, except at an annual meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting duly warned for that purpose.

Notice.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please direct to Edward Miller, Esq., Meriden.

All communications for the Board, or applications for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. I. F. Stidham, New Britain.

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

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Rev. C. A. PIDDOCK, Middletown.

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Rev. P. A. NORDELL, D.D., New London, Rev. L. L. POTTER, Hartford.

Secretary,

Rev. I. F. STIDHAM, New Britain.

Treasurer,

Mr. EDWARD MILLER, Meriden.

Auditor.

Mr. THOMAS SISSON, Hartford.

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Prof. M. H. SMITH, Suffield.

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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WATERBURY, Oct. 20, 1886.

The society was called to order at 10 A. M., by Vice-President J. L. Denison of Hartford. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. C. A. Piddock and S. Washington. Mr. Jabez Amsbury of Danbury was appointed Recording Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the executive committee, read by the secretary, the Rev. C. A. Piddock, is as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Connecticut Baptist Education Society make the following report: The Society has, this year, aided the following young men to prepare for the ministry:

Benj. L. Herr, at Rochester Theological Seminary; F. Matzick, at Rochester Theological Seminary; E. W. Potter, at Rochester Theological Seminary; James A. Brown, Newton Theological Institution; A. E. Scoville, Newton Theological Institution; J. O. Bergh, Crozer Theological Seminary; Messiah Mesropian, Crozer Theological Seminary; L. B. Curtis, Hamilton Theological Seminary; Walter V. Gray, Amherst College; Harvy M. Ives, Colby Academy; E. M. Gallup, Connecticut Literary Institution; Hiram E. Smith, Connecticut Literary Institution.

J. O. Bergh, F. Metzick, B. L. Herr, and James A. Brown have all completed their theological studies and entered upon the work of the ministry. They are very grateful for the assistance given them by the society. Owing to a lack of funds we have not been able to assist all who have applied to us for aid. On account of failure to receive any income from the funds invested by the treasurer the amount of money at our disposal to aid worthy students for the ministry has been much less than last year, and unless some measures be taken to raise additional funds the work of the society will necessarily be circumscribed. As is well known, a large part of those who are called to the ministry are in indigent circumstances. The Church prays that men may be sent as laborers into

the Master's vineyard, and is it not a part of our duty to aid in preparation those who give themselves to the ministry? It is the testimony of those who have made a careful examination of the subject, that the number of those who are now in college, and preparing for the ministry, is much less than formerly. In the *International Review* for August, 1881, Dr. Strong states the decrease of the number of ministerial graduates in several leading colleges in the first and last decades of their history to be as follows: At Yale, from 70 to 11 per cent.; at Amherst, from 61 to 26; at Williams, from 69 to 15; at Hamilton College, from 38 to 23; at Brown University, from 39 to 19; at Rochester, from 46 to 17. Rev. Dr. Patteson states in the same review that 16 Baptist Colleges which a few years ago had 1,694 students with 408 ministerial, have now 1,582 with 294 ministerial students. The fact is that almost every other profession or calling presents more attractions to men than the ministry; though there has never been a grander time to preach the Gospel than now. Let the churches be ready to aid those who are called of God to enter his service. Two young men who have by their own efforts prepared for college and have just entered Brown University, have applied to us to help them in their preparations for the ministry. They are said to be young men of unusual promise. We cannot help because we have not the means. Some of the brightest and best men in the ministry have been aided by this Society—men who have been the means under God of winning tens of thousands to the Truth, and shall the work now languish from lack of means? Let this matter appeal to the hearts and consciences of the pastors, as never before.

Again, we need to encourage young men to take a full course of study in their preparation for the ministry. Rev. A. J. Bassett, in his report on Education before the New York Convention last year, said:

"Given a man of genuine piety who at the same time has a good utterance, a well-cultured mind, an honest spirit of work, good health, and sterling common sense, with the courage of his convictions—qualities all of which ought not to be phenomenal in a minister of the Gospel, and he would be besieged forthwith by letter and personal appeal by pulpit committees from a score of churches in our great centers of population and of influence, to secure him as pastor. Hamilton and Rochester cannot begin to supply the demand made upon them every year. They have not the men. It is not their fault. They could train, and are ready to train, thrice the number they have without the expenditure of an additional dollar, and they would be glad to have every one of them possessed of the highest order of intellect; but neither the numbers nor the rank are forthcoming. Some in every class are equal to any call that will be likely to be made upon them. But the demand is for scores when they can only furnish an occasional one."

Among the causes which seem to your committee to have contributed to a dearth of ministerial students the following may be mentioned:

Pecuniary inability. The majority of students for the ministry have already spent seven years in school, three in preparing for college, and

four in completing the college course. During these years, from the nature of the case, they have been able to earn very little towards their support. When they leave college it is often with a heavy burden of debt. Then to face three years more of helpless dependence is a mighty trial to their faith. They must have clothes; they must have books; they must have bread; they must answer the social demands that are made upon them. To do all this the best we have been able to do is to give them the paltry sum of $130 from the beneficiary funds supplied by the churches. Suppose now a young man is thinking of fitting for college with a view, after college, of the ministry. It means a straight pull for ten years, without money or the time to earn it. Shall we wonder that the conscientious, sensitive young man hesitates to enter the course?

The committee would urge upon all pastors to encourage young men who seem to give promise of usefulness in the Christian ministry to make thorough preparation for that work.

The Institution at Suffield still needs the sympathies of the churches. In order to compete with other schools of like grade it must have additional endowment. No school at the present day can well maintain a high rank among the academies of the country without such an endowment as shall enable its officers to secure the best talent in the various departments of instruction. The competition of other schools is so great that nothing like the number of students now attend academies that did a few years ago. As we have only one school in Connecticut it ought not to be surpassed by any academy in the land. The condition and needs of the school will be fully explained by Hon. J. L. Howard, President of the Board of Trustees.

It was with great pleasure that we received Rev. Dr. Weston's acceptance of our invitation to address us at this our annual meeting.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, who has served the Society as Secretary for the past four years, on account of his pastoral duties, declines a re-election, and it will be necessary for the Society to choose his successor.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

C. A. PIDDOCK, *Secretary.*

This report was discussed with great interest, brethren Butrick, Stone, H. P. Smith, Piddock, Garton, Howard, and others taking part. It was urgently advocated and finally decided, that an effort be made at once to raise funds to relieve the embarrassment of the Board. One hundred dollars was given to meet the year's deficiency, and a large number of persons paid one dollar to become life-members. Cash and pledges amounted to $450.00.

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee on Enrollment — Revs. J. R. Stubbert, E. J. Bosworth, J. B. Connell.

Committee on Nomination of Officers — Revs. W. H. Butrick, W. D. McKinney, Mr. Luther C. Glazier.

Committee to Nominate Trustees for the Connecticut Literary Institution — Hon. J. L. Howard, Rev. A. J. Chandler, Mr. W. F. Walker.

The report of the Treasurer, G. F. Davis, Esq., was then read:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GUSTAVUS F. DAVIS, *Treasurer*,
In account with CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

		DR.	
1885.			
Oct.	17.	Cash on hand,	$437.61
	19.	Second Church, Danbury,	14.17
	21.	East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport,	16.00
		Tariffville Church,	3.00
	22.	Annual members,	40.00
Nov.	5.	Bloomfield Church,	17.03
Dec.	31.	Wallingford Church,	30.52
1886.			
Jan.	18.	Calvary Church Sunday-school, New Haven,	50.00
Feb.	1.	First Church, Meriden,	2.16
	27.	Stamford Church,	100.00
Mar.	15.	Central Church, Norwich,	50.00
April	20.	Main Street Church, Meriden,	9.41
May	13.	Poquonnoc Bridge Church,	4.00
	26.	Main Street Church, Meriden,	9.25
June	18.	Putnam Church,	12.80
	21.	Sterling Church,	2.00
	26.	First Church, Hartford,	115.00
	30.	Second Church, Suffield,	12.67
July	3.	First Church Sunday-school, Bridgeport,	25.00
	8.	First Church, Suffield,	20.46
Aug.	3.	First Church, New London,	22.35
	6.	First Church, Thompson,	2.00
	13.	First Church, Bridgeport,	27.00
Sept.	7.	First Church, New Haven,	30.00
	9.	Huntington Street Church, New London,	11.12
	13.	North Colebrook Church,	1.00
	13.	South Colebrook Church,	2.00
Oct.	6.	Wallingford Church,	7.10
	9.	Asylum Avenue, Church, Hartford,	38.46
		Tariffville Church,	2.00
		Tolland Church,	2.00
			$1,116.10
Oct.	12.	Cash on hand,	$117.25

1885.		Cr.		
Dec.	9.	F. Matzick, October, - - -	$31.25	
		I. Luther Spencer for H. E. Smith, Oct.,	25.00—	$56.25
1886.				
Jan.	8.	James A. Brown, - - - -	$31.25	
		A. E. Scoville, - . - -	31.25	
		Fred Matzick, - - - -	31.25	
		Messia Mesropian, - - - -	31.25	
		Benjamin L. Herr, - - -	31.25	
		Edward W. Potter, - - -	31.25	
		L. B. Curtiss, - - - -	31.25	
		John O. Bergh, - - - -	31.25	
		Walter V. Gray, - - - -	31.25	
		E. M. Gallup, - - - -	25.00	
		H. Miller Ives, - - - -	25.00—	331.25
April	13.	Benjamin L. Herr, - - -	31.25	
		Fred Matzick, - - - -	31.25	
		James A. Brown, - - - -	31.25	
		A. E. Scoville, - - - -	31.25	
		S. B. Curtis, - - - -	31.25	
		J. O. Bergh, - - - -	31.25	
		Messia Mesropian, - - - -	31.25	
		Walter V. Gray, - - - -	31.25	
		Edward W. Potter, - - -	31.25	
		E. M. Gallup, - - - -	25.00	
		H. Miller Ives, - - - -	25.00—	331.25
		C. A. Piddock, expenses as Secretary, -		6.35
July	1.	James A. Brown, - - - -	31.25	
		A. E. Scoville, - - - -	31.25	
		Messia Mesropian, - - - -	31.25	
		J. O. Bergh, - - - -	31.25	
		Edward W. Potter, - - -	31.25	
		H. Miller Ives, - - - -	25.00	
		Walter V. Gray, - - - -	31.25	
		L. B. Curtis, - - - -	31.25—	243.75
Aug.	13.	Printing Minutes, - . - -		30.00
		Balance, - - - -		117.25
				$1,116.10

Examined and found correct,

THOMAS SISSON, *Auditor.*

Hartford, October 12, 1886.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Rev. Henry G. Weston, D.D., President of Crozer Theological Seminary, was now introduced to the society, and gave an instructive address on "The Education of the Ministry." The address was listened to with great satisfaction.

The Hon. James L. Howard of Hartford, next addressed the society on "The Needs of the Connecticut Literary Institution," urging with force and fitness the needs of the institution.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers of the society reported, through their chairman, the Rev. Mr. Butrick, as follows:

For President — Rev. C. A. Piddock, Middletown.

For Vice-Presidents — Rev. P. A. Nordell, New London; Rev. L. L. Potter, Hartford.

For Secretary — Rev. I. F. Stidham, New Britain.

For Treasurer — Mr. Edward Miller, Meriden.

For Auditor — Mr. Thomas Sisson, Hartford.

For Trustees — Revs. G. M. Stone, E. P. Bond, B. W. Lockhart, Messrs. J. W. Lamb, M. H. Smith, who were elected by ballot.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees for the Literary Institution reported:

For three years, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., Hartford; Rev. T. S. Samson, New Haven; Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Putnam; A. P. Carroll, Norwich; Edward Miller, Meriden; John F. Peck, Winsted; J. B. Hoyt, Stamford; Charles E. Willard, Hartford; A. J. Crofut, Norwalk; and to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. S. D. Herr from the State, for one year, Horace S. Fuller, M. D., Hartford. The brethren as reported by the committee were unanimously elected.

After prayer and benediction of the Rev. Dr. Palmer of Stonington, the Society adjourned.

Attest, I. F. STIDHAM, *Secretary.*

C. A. PIDDOCK, *President.*

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

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Allen, Rev. N. T.
Allen, William D.
Alling, Mrs. Mary E.
Alford, Elnathan
Ambler, Annie M.
Ambler, James L.
Anderson, Isaac
Andrews, Andrew
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Asby, Edward
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Batterson, James G.
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Bromley, Isaac H.
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Bronson, Frank S.
Brotherton, Cyrus C.
Brown, Rev J. P.
Brown, L. R.
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Burdick, Mrs. J. M.
Burgess, Rev. Isaac J.
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Canfield, Charles
Chapman, Silas, Jr.
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Clapp, Rev. W. S.
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Ellwood, Helen
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Ewing, William A.
Fairman, James
Fellowes, W. Frank
Fillon, R. A.
Fitch, Dr. J. C.
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Freeman, Rev. A. L.
French, David
Fry, Mrs. John
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Gates, Rev. O. W.
Gates, Mrs. Mary P.
Gilbert, Rev. I. H.
Gill, Rev. W. I.
Glazier, Carlos
Gowen, Rev. L. D.
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Graves, Rev. S.
Green, Jay
Gregory, Rev. A.
Gridley, Joel A.
Griffing, Richard
Griffin, C. A.
Hamlin, E. C.
Hart, Daniel H.
Hastings, E. G.
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Ives, Eli
Ives, William J.
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Lyon, Rev. D. D.
Marvin, George
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McCarty, Rev. William
McWhinnie, James
Merriam, J. B.
Miller, Rev. D. Henry
Miller, Mrs. Martha
Miller, Edward
Miller, Benjamin L.
Mills, Rev. R. C.
Miner, Rev. N. W.
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Mitchell, Julius R.
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Morse, H. J.
Mosely, E. W.
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Murdock, Rev. J. N.
Muzzy, Rev. Lawson
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Neale, Stephen Douglass
Newell, E. Z.
Newcomb, James
Nicholson, Rev. George W.
Nordell, Spaulding
Ostrander, Allen
Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
Palmer, Rev. A. G.

Parker, S. A.
Pattison, Rev. W. P.
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Pearson, Linclus T.
Pendleton, Rev. G. W.
Perkins, William
Perkins, R. B.
Phelps, Rev. S. D.
Phelps, Mrs S Emilia
Phelps, Dryden W.
Phelps, Arthur S.
Phelps, William L.
Pickett, Deacon William
Plant, William
Plant, Alfred
Potter, W. H.
Post, Julius P.
Pratt, Horace H.
Preston, Edward V.
Preston, S. T.
Prowitt, Charles S.
Prowitz, J. T.
Prior, George
Ray, Rev. C. W.
Reid, Rev. William
Reid, Mrs. William
Robins, Rev. Henry E.
Robbins, William H.
Robinson, Silas
Robinson, S. A.
Robinson, Elizabeth
Rogers, Calvin B.
Sage, Rev. A. Judson
Saunders, H. H.
Setchell, Charles F.
Sexton, George
Shelley, Russell T.
Sibley, I. S.
Sherwood, Mrs. T.
Shipley, Deacon A.
Silliman, Deacon Ezra
Sisson, Thomas
Slate, Daniel L.
Slater, Rev. F. A.
Smith, Deacon C. G.
Smith, Rev. J. Torrey
Southworth, Levi B.
Spencer, Carnot O.
Spencer, Deacon J.
Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
Stevens, Deacon Gilbert
Stevens, W. B.
Stevens, Dr. B. H.
Steward, Mrs. Matilda
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Stone, Rev. J. R.
Strickland, James L.
Sullivan, W. H.
Swan, Rev. J. S.
Taylor, A. E.
Taylor, Rev. J. A.
Teft, Rev. A. B.
Terrell, Edward
Thompson, A. M.
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Towne, Rev. E. S.
Tuller, G. W
Turner, Peter C.
Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
Twiss, Waldo
Vann, Samuel A.
Wakeman, Rev. L. H.
Walker, Rev. O. T.
Walker, Rev. W. C.
Wallace, James A.
Wayland, Hon. F.
Weaver, Rev. C. S.
Weller, Samuel
West, L. M.
Wheaton, Rev. D.D.
White, Abijah
White, Mrs. Abigail
White, J. W.
Whitford, H. G.
Wilbur, R. P.
Wier, Stephen M.
Wightman, J. E.
Wightman, Rev. P. G.
Wilcox, E. H.
Willard, Charles E.
Willett, Rev. C.
Williams, Hon. D. J.
Wilmot, George R.
Wilson, Rev. Caleb
Wilson, Rev. C. B.
Wilson, Rev. R. J.
Winship, Deacon Joseph

APPLICATION FOR AID.

When a young man applies for aid he is required to present a letter from his church in substance as follows :

THIS CERTIFIES that Mr. is a regular member of the Baptist Church in this town ; that he sustains a good moral and religious character ; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry ; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in this sacred work. He is therefore, being indigent, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Baptist Church in

Clerk. *Pastor.*

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

ASSOCIATIONS.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, June 16, 1886.

The Stonington Union Association met with Second Baptist Church, in North Stonington. Called to order by Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D. Annual sermon by Rev. G. H. Miner. Collection for Widows' Fund, $7.30. Officers elected — Moderator, Rev. Geo. H. Miner; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. E. Dewhurst; Asst. Clerk, Waldo Tillinghast; Cor. Sec., W. H. Potter. Rules of order read. Committee of Arrangements, Revs. A. E. Goff, R. Pegrum, E. S. Hill. Report of treasurer of Widows' Fund read and accepted in part. Visiting brethren invited to seats. Adjourned for dinner.

2 P. M. Committees appointed — On Benevolence, Rev. D. C. Easton, E. C. Kegwin, Rev. D. F. Chapman. On Resolutions, W. Tillinghast, W. H. Potter, Rev. Wm. Smith. On Obituaries, Revs. J. P. Brown, G. N. Ballentine, G. W. Pendleton. On Next Anniversary, Revs. G. H. Miner, A. G. Palmer, D.D., A. J. Wilcox, and as committee of arrangements for next anniversary. Reading of the letters. Sermon by Rev. R. Pegrum. Claims of Ministers' Home Society presented by Rev. N. W. Miner. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Deacons E. Maine, W. H. Potter, S. S. Lamb re-elected trustees of Widows' Fund. Adjourned.

EVENING. Prayer meeting led by Rev. D. F. Chapman. Address by Dr. McKenzie in behalf of Missionary Union. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Wilcox. Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING. Prayer meeting led by Rev. E. S. Hill. Sermon by Rev. C. T. Douglass of Reading, Mass. Committee on Resolutions reported. Committee on Next Anniversary recommended that they meet next year with Union Baptist Church, Mystic River, Rev. S. G. Hastings preacher, Rev. G. W. Pendleton

alternate. Committee on Benevolence reported in favor of systematic giving. Rev. J. P. Brown reported for the Committee on Obituaries, mentioning a number who had passed away during the year. Rejected a motion to appropriate the Widows' Fund to the Ministers' Home. Minutes read and approved. Conference meeting held in the afternoon, and at 3.30 o'clock adjourned to meet on the third Wednesday of June, 1887.

GEO. H. MINER, *Moderator.*

E. DEWHURST, W. TILLINGHAST, *Clerks.*

The Woman's Home Mission Society was held in connection with the meeting of the Association on Wednesday evening, Mrs. G. H. Miner presiding. Addresses by Mrs. Wilbur of Mystic River, and Mrs. Miner, who gave a report of the work done by the women, and asking for greater efforts in the year to come.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society meeting was held, but no report furnished.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 1, 1886.

At 10 o'clock in the forenoon, met in Mansfield Baptist Church. Prayer meeting for one hour. Called to order by Rev. J. R. Stubbert. Collection for Widows' Fund, $8.88. Constitution and Rules of Order read. Annual sermon by Rev. F. L. Knapp. Officers elected — Moderator, Rev. C. H. Hickok; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. F. L. Knapp; Asst. Clerk, Rev. Wm. Gussman. Report of Committee of Arrangements. Adjourned.

2 P. M. Report of Treasurer of Widows' Fund and Barrett Legacy. Adopted. J. W. Manning, F. L. Corbin, H. Reynolds re-elected Trustees of this fund. Committees appointed — On Place and Preacher for next year, Rev. F. L. Knapp, W. S. Converse, C. W. Hill. On Arrangements, Rev. B. J. Savage, Rev. S. Thatcher, E. Hubbard. On Obituaries, Rev. Wm. Gussman, A. H. Fuller, J. W. Manning. On Temperance, Rev. J. W. Brigham, E. G. Sumner, Rev. L. H. Wakeman. On Benevolence, Rev. J. W. Searll, R. L. Sibley, Rev. J. M. Phillips. On State of the Churches, Rev. G. W. Holman, Rev. F. L. Batchelder, Rev. P.

Mathewson. Reading letter from Mansfield church and others until 3 o'clock, when adjourned for Woman's Home Missionary meeting. Resumed at 4.30 the reading of letters. Adjourned until evening.

Evening. Devotional service led by Rev. J. H. Biddle. Reading of letters concluded. Secretary instructed to pass funds, after paying for printing and distribution of Minutes, to State Convention. Sermon by Rev. L. G. Barrett on "The Aggressive Character of Christianity."

Thursday morning. Committee appointed to prepare blanks for use of churches, Revs. F. L. Knapp, J. R. Stubbert, J. M. Phillips. Resolutions passed referring to the death of Rev. Andrew Pollard, secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society. Committee on Place and Preacher reported that the next anniversary be held with the First Woodstock church. Rev. Samuel Thatcher preacher, Rev. William Gussman alternate. Committee on Obituaries reported the death of thirty-four from sixteen churches, mentioning particularly the death of Rev. A. B. Tefft. Committee on Temperance reported strong resolutions which were adopted. Committee on Benevolence reported through Rev. J. W. Searll. Earnest discussion was had on the following: "*Resolved*, That the desecration of the Sabbath or Lord's day by the running of trains is a nuisance which ought, in the opinion of this Association, to be abolished," and a substitute adopted. Other reports were read, a vote of thanks to the Mansfield church passed, and the Association adjourned to meet in West Woodstock on the first Wednesday in September, 1887.

C. H. Hickok, *Moderator.*

F. L. Knapp, Wm. Gussman, *Clerks.*

The Woman's Home Mission Society was held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, with an interesting programme of exercises. Addresses were made by Mrs. E. A. Fitch, by Mrs. Solomon of the First Baptist Church of Dayton, O., by Dr. Truman Johnson concerning his work among the Creek Indians, and by others.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society was also held at the same place. The secretary reported as raised during the year, $323.11. Addresses were made by Mrs. J. W. Brigham, Mrs. Jesse Armstrong, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, and Mrs. Gates. Mrs. J. R. Stubbert is the Associational Secretary.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LONDON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 15, 1886.

The Association was called to order at East Lyme, September 15th, at 10 o'clock A.M., by Rev. G. F. Genung. Rev. Dr. P. A. Nordell was chosen temporary chairman. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. L. M. Purington, from Gen. xxviii, 12. The officers elected were — Moderator, Rev. G. F. Genung; Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. J. Naylor. Rules of order read. The Committee of Arrangements were Revs. D. Taylor, T. Terry, and J. P. Miner. Collection for Ministers' Home $9.22. Letter of East Lyme church read. T. W. Potter chosen Asst. Clerk. Reading of letters continued. Haddam church requested dismission to unite with New Haven Association which was granted. The Committee of Arrangements reported. Adjourned at 12.15 P. M.

AFTERNOON. Reading of letters resumed. Mention was made of the death of Rev A. B. Tefft, for twenty years pastor of Second Waterford church. The following committees were appointed: On Resolutions, Rev. D. Henry Miller, D.D., Rev. E. J. Bosworth, Dea. W. P. Benjamin; on Obituaries, Rev. P. G. Wightman, Rev. W. H. Burlew, Dea. W. R. Cowan; on Next Anniversary, Dea. Edward Ray, Bro. G. P. Rose, Rev. D. D. Lyon; on State of the Churches, Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., Rev. D. C. Smith, Rev. G. H. Lester. The Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. G. F. Genung from Matt. viii, 5–10. Rev. L. G. Barrett, presented the need of the West for evangelistic work. Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., appeared in behalf of the Minister's Home. Rev. H. P. Smith, spoke for the State Convention, pleading for missionaries to help the smaller churches. Rev. C. E. Becker spoke on Benedict Institute. Adjourned.

EVENING. At 7 P M. held a church prayer service. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., from John iv, 38. At 9 o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY. At 9.30 o'clock the Association was called to order. The Treasurer's report was made and accepted. Roll of delegates read and corrected. Resolution passed commending the *Christian Secretary*. Thanks were voted to the East Lyme church for hospitality. The Committee on State of the Churches reported fifty

baptisms, and the spiritual condition for the most part encouraging. The Commiteee on Obituaries reported sixty five deaths, and mentioned others who were formerly connected with the Association. The Committee on Next Anniversary recommended that the place be left with the officers; that Rev. D. Taylor preach the opening sermon, Rev. G. L. Putnam alternate; that Rev. J. Naylor preach the missionary sermon. Adopted. Later the Montville church extended an invitation to meet with them next year. The constitution was amended in Article 3. Rev. L. G. Barrett preached from Joshua v, 13, on "Aggressiveness of Christianity." Adjourned to meet at Montville on the third Wednesday, in September, 1887.

J. Naylor, *Clerk.* George F. Genung, *Moderator.*

A Woman's Foreign Missionary meeting was held on Thursday forenoon. Papers were read by Mrs. P. G. Wightman and Mrs. G. F. Genung. Mrs. Whiting, the State Secretary, also gave an address.

The Woman's Home Mission meeting was held in the same place, presided over by Mrs. Dr. Herr. Miss Tyler of Brooklyn, N. Y., addressed the meeting on "Our duty to serve the age and generation in which we live," and Mrs. Fitch of Noank made a strong "Plea for the mothers of the South." An interesting and profitable meeting.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1886.

Called to order at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Warren. After preliminary exercises, a sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. H. Kemp. Collection for Minister's Home, $20.00. Officers elected—Moderator, Rev. J. Warren; Clerk, H. M. Prowitt; Asst. Clerk, Rev. S. G. Silliman; Treasurer, J. L. Ambler. Visiting brethren invited to seats. Adjourned.

2.30 p. m. First Bridgeport letter read, followed by others. Shelton church transferred to New Haven Association. Commit-

tees nominated — Benevolence, Revs. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., J. R. Gow, A. J. Cotney; Sunday-schools, F. W. Perry, E. Silliman, A. Wisner; Next Anniversary, H. M. Prowitt, M. E. Morris, Rev. G. H. Kemp; Topic for next year, Rev. R. McGonegal, Rev. H. A. Delano, M. L. Barber; New Churches, Jas. Potter, J. B. Wilson; Obituaries, Rev. S. G. Silliman, E. M. Ogden. Committee of Arrangements reported. The topic adopted last year was taken up and discussed. Statement regarding Ministers' Home made by Rev. Dr. Miner, and an address by Rev. C. A. Nichols, giving an account of his work at Bassein, Burmah. Rev. Dr. Hubbard was appointed a special committee to memorialize the work of Rev. Dr. Lathrop in Stamford. Rev. Dr. Lathrop was requested to prepare a memorial sermon for the semi-centennial of the Association, in 1887. Adjourned.

Evening. Prayer meeting at 6.45. At 7.30, sermon by Rev. H. A. Delano. Further report by Committee of Arrangements.

Thursday. At 9 o'clock, prayer meeting. Resumed business at 10 o'clock. Roll of delegates, with the statistics, read and corrected. Treasurer reported $187.84 received during the year. Committee on Topic for next year reported the following: "What is needful to render the Baptist faith more effective for fifty years to come," to be opened by Rev. J. R. Gow. Committee on Next Anniversary reported in favor of meeting with the church at South Norwalk; preacher Rev. W. V. Garner, alternate Rev. J. R. Gow; and that a special service should be ordered for the semi-centennial, consisting of a historical sermon by Rev. Dr. Lathrop. Committee on Benevolence made report, advising the churches to cultivate more of a missionary spirit. Committee on Obituaries reported thirty-seven deaths, making special mention of Rev. Alvah Gregory. Committee on Sunday-schools reported, recommending their encouragement by the united efforts of the entire church membership, and education of the children in systematic missionary and benevolent work. Dr. Hubbard offered resolutions on the work of Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., which were adopted. Thanks were voted to the entertaining church for their hospitality. Resolution passed commending the Ministers' Home of New York. The pastors of the Norwalk and South Norwalk churches, with Rev. Dr. A. C. Hubbard, were named as Committee of Arrange-

ments for next year. Closing remarks by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned to meet the fourth Wednesday of September, 1887, at South Norwalk.

J. WARREN, *Moderator.*

H. M. PROWITT, *Clerk.*

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society held its sixteenth annual meeting on Wednesday, Mrs. Whiting, State Secretary, presiding. Verbal reports were given from several of the circles. Collection taken, $7.60.

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARTFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 13, 1886.

The Association was called to order at the Memorial church in Hartford, by Rev. L. L. Potter. After singing, Dr. S. D. Phelps, the Moderator, took the chair. Annual sermon by Rev. B. W. Lockhart. Collection for Ministers' and Widows' Fund, $9.48. Officers chosen: Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Moderator; Rev. J. G. Ward, Clerk; Rev. L. L. Potter, Asst. Clerk; Rev. E. P. Bond, Cor. Secretary; J. W. Dimock, Treasurer. Rules of order read. Visiting brethren invited to participate. Treasurer reported as received, $2,422.24. Reading of letters from the churches until 12 o'clock. An address by Mrs. A. E. Reynolds, in behalf of Woman's Home Mission Society. Adjourned.

2 P. M. Woman's Mission Meeting, led by Mrs. S. E. Phelps. The following committees were appointed: On Place and Preacher, Revs. L. L. Potter, H. P. Smith, S. D. Phelps, D.D. On Arrangements for next year, Revs. K. Wheeler, I. F. Stidham, E. C. Miller. On State of Religion, Revs. E. P. Bond, H. G. Smith, Bro. W. F. Walker. On Obituaries, Revs. E. B. Elmer, Wm. Goodwin, J. F. Temple. On Resolutions, Bro. J. L. Denison, Revs. A. M. Harrison, I. F. Stidham. The Foreign Missionary Society was represented by Rev. W. S. McKenzie, D.D., District Secretary. Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke of the needs of the Education Society. Rev. Wm. Van Alstyne, of the First Methodist church in Hartford, gave a fraternal talk. Rev. A. E. Reynolds of Wallingford, read a paper on "How best to contend against and

lessen the worldliness in the churches." Voted to have a missionary sermon each year in the evening, besides the annual sermon. Adjourned.

Evening. Rev. L. G. Barrett of Shaw University, spoke for the Home Mission Society. Sermon by Rev. W. H. P. Faunce of Springfield, Mass. Advisory committee for Union church of Hartford reported, commending them to the benevolence of the Association. Revs. K. Wheeler, L. L. Potter, E. P. Bond appointed as the committee for the present year. The Committee on Place and Preacher reported South Windsor as the place, and preacher of annual sermon to be Rev. I. F. Stidham, Rev. K. Wheeler alternate; preacher of missionary sermon, Rev. J. F. Temple, Rev. Dr. Stone alternate. Adjourned.

Thursday morning. Prayer meeting from 9 to 10 o'clock. The Committee on Obituaries report forty-eight deaths. The Committee on State of Religion reported one hundred and seventy-eight baptisms, and net increase in membership, sixty-seven. The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported, and presented a resolution favoring the appointment of a committee to consider the expediency of hiring an evangelist. Appropriations were made to needy persons from the Widows' and Ministers' Fund. Revs. Lockhart, Stidham, Potter, Stone, and Miller were appointed Committee on Evangelistic Work. Resolutions of thanks to the Memorial Church for hospitality, to Rev. D. Dewolf for services as clerk for the past ten years, and to others for addresses were passed. Adjourned.

B. W. Lockhart, *Moderator.*

J. G. Ward, *Clerk.*

SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAVEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1886.

The Association met with the Main Street Baptist Church, Meriden, at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by Rev. W. H. Butrick, Moderator, who appointed a Committee on Nominations. The following officers were nominated and elected: Bro. J. F. Green, Moderator; Rev. P. S. Evans, Clerk; Bro. S. H. Jennings, Treasurer. A resolution of thanks to C. P. Ives, clerk for fifteen

years, was passed. Committee on Credentials, Revs. W. B. Vassar and J. J. Cooper, Bro. O. J. Hull. The Treasurer's report was read and approved, as was also the report of the Treasurer of the Widows' Fund. Reading of letters begun. Prayer was offered for the restoration to health of Rev. J. W. Richardson, of the Waterbury church. Reading of letters continued. Annual sermon by Rev. A. F. Perry, formerly of Deep River. Committee on New Churches — Revs. W. H. Butrick, J. V. Garton, A. E. Reynolds. Adjourned.

2 P. M. Called to order promptly. Visiting brethren invited, and accepted by fourteen. Reading of letters resumed, and concluded. The Committee on New Churches reported, through Rev. W. H. Butrick, the accession of three new churches — Haddam church from New London Association, Shelton church from Fairfield County Association, and the Danish church, recently organized, whose representatives were welcomed by Revs. Samson, Garton, and Piddock. Rev. A. E. Reynolds reported for the Committee on State of Religion, one hundred and ninety-one baptisms, and total membership of 5,694. It was voted to request the churches to report their non-resident members. The topic, "Sunday-school Work" was discussed by Bro. J. B. Underwood, and a paper read by Rev. P. S. Evans, on "The Young People of our Congregations, how best may their greatest usefulness be attained." Adjourned.

EVENING. At 7 P. M., prayer and praise meeting. A resolution was passed recommending the churches to take an annual contribution for the Ministers' Home. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. G. E. Nichols, followed by an address by Rev. C. A. Nichols, missionary among the Karens. Rev. W. B. Vassar was named as chairman of the Committee on Obituaries. Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Adjourned.

THURSDAY. Devotional meeting from 9 to 9.30. The Moderator appointed as Committee on Place and Preacher, Revs. C. A. Piddock, W. B. Vassar, Bro. B. F. Leach. The Trustees of Widows' and Orphans' Fund were re appointed. The Committee on Place and Preacher reported, recommending Southington as the place of meeting next year, preacher of annual sermon Rev. T. S. Samson, alternate Rev. W. D. McKinney, preacher of missionary sermon Rev. W. H. Butrick, alternate Rev. A. J. Hughes. The Commit-

tee on Credentials reported one hundred and thirty-nine delegates from twenty-four churches, and fourteen visitors. The Committee on Benevolence reported $8,765.13 as contributed for the various objects. The Committee on Obituaries reported a loss of sixty-one by death in nineteen churches. The Moderator appointed as Committees for the ensuing year — On State of Religion, Revs. I. R. Wheelock, J. G. Ditmars, Dea. Geo. W. Smith; On Benevolent Contributions, Revs. A. E. Reynolds, D. L. Crafts, Bro. J. P. Merrow; On Obituaries, Revs. W. D. McKinney, W. R. Terry, E. D. Shull; Executive Committee and Committee of Arrangements, Revs. G. E. Nichols, G. E. Holloway, W. H. Butrick. Vote of thanks to Main Street church for hospitality. Papers were read by Revs. A. E. Reynolds, W. H. Butrick, T. S. Samson, E. D. Shull, and W. B. Vassar. Resolutions on Temperance were adopted. Thanks voted to the moderator, and choir of the church. Adjourned to meet at Southington, the first Wednesday in October, 1887.

J. F. Green, *Moderator.*

P. S. Evans, *Clerk.*

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Universalist church on Wednesday, with Miss Fannie L. Twiss in the chair. Miss Nettie A. Ives was made Secretary, *pro tem.* Mrs. I. R. Wheelock made the address of welcome. Addresses were also made by Mrs. Dr. McGrew, Mrs. E. M. Jerome, and a letter from Mrs. S. M. Whiting, State Secretary, was read. An encouraging meeting.

Fannie L. Twiss, *Associational Secretary.*

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CALENDAR FOR 1886-87.

1886.		
Sept. 1st,	Wednesday, ...	FALL TERM BEGINS.
Dec. 21st,	Tuesday, ...	" " ENDS.
	Vacation two weeks.	
1887.		
Jan. 5th,	Wednesday, ...	WINTER TERM BEGINS.
March 22d,	Tuesday, ...	" " ENDS.
	Vacation two weeks.	
April 6th,	Wednesday, ...	SPRING TERM BEGINS.
June 19th, 20th, 21st,	. . . . .	ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.
June 22d,	Wednesday, ...	COMMENCEMENT.

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